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Ranks broken as Clarke is attacked

Major fights to restore unity on EU

JOHN MAJOR was desper ately struggling to prevent Cabinet unity disintegrating last night after a Foreign Office Minister, in an aston-ishing breach of government rules, publicly attacked Kenneth Clarke over his stance on a European single currency.

The Prime Minister launched a damage-limitation exercise after Sir Nicholas Bonsor fuelled the Tory turmoil over Europe by accusing the Chancellor of straying from government policy in his statement on Sunday that it would be "pathetic" for Britain to dither over entry to a single currency and then try to join at a later stage.

Sir Nicholas's open breach of the creed of collective responsibility, which prevents ministers criticising each other in public, left the Government looking dangerously

close to open warfare. Mr Major contacted Mr afternoon to agree a course of action which would prevent the row escalating. Mr Clarke is attending a Commonwealth finance ministers' meeting.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, was also contacted by his department in New York, where he was addressing the United Nations General Assembly. Two hours later Downing Street and the Foreign Office made clear that the Government's policy on a single currency had not changed, a point which Michael Heseltine

emphasised later. There will be no change."



Bonsor: "accepts he made a mistake"

he said. "The Prime Minister has made that quite clear."

Mr Major, whose exasperation with Mr Clarke had been made plain by confidents on Monday, had to rein in Sir Nicholas to dispel the view

that his attack had Downing Street's endorsement. Sir Nicholas told BBC Radio's World at One that Mr dermined attempts to restore party unity. "I don't think it was helped by Kenneth Clarke's comments," he said. "I think he will be out of line majority of the party and I think it is out of line with what the Government policy has

By mid-afternoon Downing Street and the Foreign Office were saying that Sir Nicholas had misunderstood press reports of the Chancellor's comments and would be saying nothing further. They emphasised that Sir Nicholas had been expressing a "per-

sonal opinion" and had now 'accepted he made a mistake". Downing Street also made clear that Sir Nicholas had been reprimanded for failing to inform either the Foreign Office or Conservative Central Office about the interview "so that he could clear policy lines". But it was indicated that there would be no further disciplinary action. "We do not anticipate resignations." one official said.

Downing Street's later claim that Mr Clarke had not gone beyond the Cabinet line on the single currency marked an attempt to draw a line

under the affair. "The Prime Minister has made it clear that all must adhere fully to the position agreed by Cabinet," a Downing Street source said. "The Chancellor fully sup-

ports this policy and believes his views have been misrepresented. Many issues of importance to the UK remain to be UK whether we are in a single currency or not and it is right that Britain should play its full role in the negotiations."

But Downing Street's at-tempts to smooth over the row were unconvincing, given the clear assertions by Mr Major's associates the day before that Mr Clarke had breached

the Cabinet compromise. Ministers and MPs who heard Mr Clarke's statement on radio concluded without waiting for press reports that he had pushed the Cabinet Continued on page 2, col 4

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Princess takes some heat off First Lady

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

DIANA, Princess of Wales, brought a distinctive British dazzle to Washing-ton last night and provided a shield for Hillary Clinton as America's First Lady faced further damaging claims.

On her first foreign visit since her

divorce, the Princess, dressed in the chocolate brown of the season, met Mrs Clinton at the White House just as another embarrassing report was made public about her alleged ties to fraudulent deals in Arkansas.

Last night the Princess was acting as honorary chairman of a Washington gala dinner and fashion sale at the National Building Museum to raise

millions of dollars for breast cancer research. The guest list included designers, haunting the dowdy American capital with their graceful New York styles, and some of Washington's most powerful, including General Colin Powell and Elizabeth Dole.

But first the Princess met Mrs Clinton. They chatted in the Blue Room before the Princess, accompanied by Anna Wintour, the Britishborn editor of American Vogue, Katharine Graham, the former publisher of The Washington Post, and the designer Ralph Lauren, went to the East Room for breakfast. Mrs Clinton, clearly buoyed by the opportune visit of the Princess, emerged later to congrat-

British invasion of America. a charity fashion extravaganza: "I was thinking as I met her [the Princess] that this is one of the nicest British invasions of the White House. Another one, as some of you may remember from history, burnt this place down."

- Mrs Clinton added: "This is a

woman who has worked for the homeless, for Aids, cancer, leprosy and other health issues. I am so pleased she is lending her support to this continuing light against breast cancer."
The Princess picked at a breakfast of

layered peaches and raspberries, a napoleon of herbed eggs, roast tomatoes and Maryland crabs and appeared to be conversing easily with her

Wintour. It was an opportunity for the Princess to protect her hostess from the glare of publicity that she herself had suffered during their only previous meeting in Washington, two years ago. At that time the Princess, used the American capital as a bolthole after disclosures about the Prince of Wales's affair with Camilla Parker Bowles.

Her breakfast was followed by a lunch at the British Embassy, hosted by Sir John Kerr, the Ambassador, whose guests included at least one of the most eligible bachelors in Washington and a senior Clinton political aide, George Stephanopoulos.

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Tougher test for L-drivers

The pass mark for the new written section of the driving test has been raised because learners are finding it too easy. From October 1 candidates will have to answer 30 out of 35 questions correctly instead of the current 26. About 85 per cent of those sitting the test, which was introduced in July.

Britain moves back into black

Britain's balance of payments with the rest of the world went back into the black in the second quarter of 1996, according to figures out yesterday. Economic growth was revised upwards for the second quarter. Meanwhile. America left its interest rates unchanged, a surprise toPage 25



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IRA man may have been unarmed

By Michael Horsneil, Bill Frost, Stewart Tendler and David Charter

THE IRA suspect Diarmuid O'Neill may not have been armed when he was shot dead by police during an anti-terrorist raid on Monday. Scotland Yard sources said

esterday that a marksman had opened fire, fearing that he was about to be fired on. But police were still searching for a weapon yesterday.
O'Neill was killed in one of

a series of raids which uncovered a massive arms cache and led to the arrest of five people - including O'Neill's younger brother, Shane. Intelligence reports had suggested that a serious IRA attack was only hours away and officers had been warned that they might face armed opposition. Scotland Yard refused to say yesterday whether a gun was found with O'Neill.

The Police Complaints Au-

By ALICE THOMSON AND KATE ALDERSON

A WOMAN made an impassioned plea at

the Liberal Democrat conference yesterday

for tougher laws on stalkers, saying her

daughter's life had been devastated by a

Doreen Holt told delegates that her

27-year-old daughter, Susan, had changed her address and her car three or four times

because he kept tracking her down. "I can

tell you now it is terrifying to live with," she said. "I have given her alarms so

she can walk around and feel safe, but it

The conference passed overwhelmingly a

motion calling for legislation to make stalk-

man who had pursued her for five uears.

thority is investigating the death and an inquest will be held. Shane O'Neill and the other four men being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act were meanwhile being questioned in the secure



photograph by ITN

civil courts.

unit at Paddington Green police station. Diarmuid O'Neill, 27, was shot when police broke into a guest-house in Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, while his brother was arrested at the home they shared with their

sister, Siobhain, in Averill Street. Fulham Their parents, Eoghan and Theresa O'Neill, had settled in Hammersmith before their marriage and brought up their three children in London before retiring to west Cork in the early Nineties. Yesterday the couple were said to have had no inkling of their elder son's IRA activities until Gardai told them about the shooting.
O'Neill was, however, well-

known to police as a terrorist sympathiser and the Gardai kept an eye on his movements

when he visited his parents. The London police had known about him since his mid-teens. when he sold Republican News to customers in public houses, and his commitment to the cause later drove him to steal £75,000 from the Bank of Ireland branch where he worked as a clerk after leaving the London Oratory School. Detectives said that £34,000

went to the IRA. Born at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in Hammersmith on June 24, 1969, Diarmuid Michael O'Neill became a model pupil at the London Oratory - the Roman Catholic grant-maintained school chosen by Tony Blair for his son. He spent six years at the school and was described by Continued on page 2, col 4

EU's farm chief flees Irish demo

FRANZ FISCHLER, European Agriculture Commis sioner, had to leave beef talks in Ireland by helicopter yesterday when Irish farmers blocked roads around the hotel where EU ministers were meeting (James Landale

There was chaos when about 2,000 farmers broke through police barriers and reached the doors of the Hotel Europe in Killarney, Co Kerry, Holding cartle skulls, they lined up outside before being peacefully dispersed by police

Some 8,000 farmers in all joined the protest over the lack of compensation for losses caused by the BSE crisis.

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Lib Dems join call for crackdown on stalkers

believe that what this case shows is that the ing a criminal offence and to give victims a But, this is a limited offer clear right to obtain compensation in the legislature must move swiftly to create a eparate offence for this kind of conduct." Mrs Holt, who is the prospective parlia-Susan Holt, a former Miss Blackpool, mentary candidate for Blackpool South, said last night that she had been shocked by her mother's speech. "My mum left me a said she was a Tory councillor before

message on my answer machine saying what she had done. "I know the man who has made my life hell for the last five years. The problem with it is that he will revel in all of this." Lancashire police said last night that they received a complaint from Susan Holt last

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week and it was "under investigation".



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OBITUARIES SIMON IENKING

changing to the Liberal Democrats when

she saw how little interest the Government

She was speaking just before a judge

called for a change in the law after a

convicted rapist who had stalked a 20-year-

old blonde was found guilty of actual

bodily harm. Judge Gerald Butler, QC.

said: The jury have on the evidence been

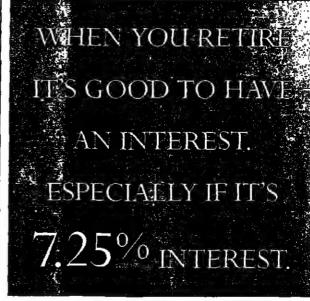
able to convict this defendant of the

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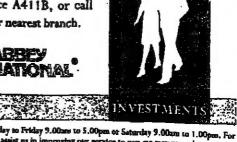
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Patriot games went on too long without getting to the crunch

ust before Paddy Ashdown spoke to his conference at Brighton yesterday I came close to joining his party. This was when its delegates began to giggle at their leader's own video curtain-raiser. To the strains of Elgar we saw Paddy on a building site; to the strains of Smetana we observed him in a cornfield; and Beethoven accompanied him into a conservatory. For five minutes Mr Ashdown bounced through the British Isles to gentle rhythms and in soft

help his countrymen "find the hero in themselves". Happily for the Liberal leader, a camera crew, sound crew, producer, video-editor and PR adviser had helped us to find the hero in Mr Ashdown. And his party tittered. There

remains one party in Britain with its pap-detectors intact. Unaccountably. Ashdown slouched in, chewing. What, and why? He was to make something in his speech of his soldiering past but after that video we half-expected him to abseil from the rafters, not to

saunter on to the rostrum like an off-duty Gl. If it were gum he was chewing, would he stick it on to the lectern? If a peppermint, would he suck it throughout or crunch it up during the passage on patrio-tism? Whatever it was, it must have been swallowed or

"I want to take a long, hard look," cried the brave marine. eyes narrowed to flinty slits. at some unfashionable subjects." We wondered which. Flares? Kipper ties? But no: Courage, Leadership and Pa-



boos, and the Liberal leader was about to appropriate all three to himself. In doing so, Captain Ashdown had the delicacy to observe that he was only embodying our courage, leadership and patriotism doing it by proxy, so to speak. the nation. Modestly he acknowledged that Churchill had had much the same thought. Deploring the

debauching of patriotism by Tories he added that a true patriot would vote for the opposition parties.

Eschewing leader-worship, Ashdown subtly recommended it in his own case. An angry denunciation of "phony figures" in politics drew support. while news that one 21-yearold in seven in Britain is now illiterate drew gasps. There

of "negative campaigning" sentiments applauded with a fervour otherwise accorded only to his harsh and personal attack on John Major, descending at one point to

mimicry. "My next wish," he de-clared, is for Sally." A neryous hush descended upon the audience. "I met her on the Hartcliffe and Withywood estate in Bristol." You could have heard a pin drop. "She is a young mother." A thousand Liberal Democrats groaned inwardly. This was taking

dawned on us that Sally was being cited only as an illustration of the benefits-trap. We breathed again.

A speech which began somewhat in the manner of Alastair Cook's Letter from America skirted the lower slopes of Martin Luther King, toyed with sub-Shakespearean soliloquy and lurched towards a Blairite barking of abstract nouns settled finally into a stale rant. Ashdown made much of his willingness to listen. Listening yesterday he will have heard his party's

delight at every attack on the Tories. But did he hear their longing for a similar assault on Labour?

It was not a particularly bad speech: just a speech with no core and too many lists, whose content never matched its stylistic pretentions. And it was far, far too long. Mr Ashdown likes to quote Churchill. He should have remembered Churchill's famous apology: "I am sorry to deliver a long speech. I have not had time to write a short one."

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Brussels plans to order small firms to consult staff

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE Commission of the European Union lobbed a new grenade into Britain's preelectoral skirmishing yesterday when it proposed a scheme that would oblige all companies employing more than about 50 workers to consult staff on their business plans.

The plan, which would greatly extend a year-old EU law on company "works councils", would not immediately affect Britain because it would be enacted under the Maastricht Social Protocol, from which the Government won an opt-out. However, the Labour Party's pledge to sign up to the protocol means that Tony Blair will come under pressure to take a stance on a measure that is unpopular with the business world that he is now busy courting. The scheme is the latest in a stream of EU labour measures that are being fiercely resisted by

the Government. Britain, however scored at

lenged today in a test case

which could trigger dozens of

compensation claims and a

multimillion-pound bill for

The case of Alec Findlay, a

Falklands veteran who was

jailed by the Army for two

years for threatening to kill fellow soldiers, is the first to be

brought in the European

Court of Human Rights in

Strasbourg. Mr Findlay, 34,

who was suffering from post-

traumatic stress disorder at

the Ministry of Defence.

Courts martial face

human rights test

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE legality of Britain's court RAF personnel who have

martial system is to be chal- faced courts martial want the

of human rights.

They say that the conduct of

courts martial contravenes the

human rights convention

which guarantees the right to

a fair trial. Their claims are

based on differences between

courts martial and civilian

criminal court procedures in

Britain, such as the lack of

trial by jury. Government

lawyers will tell the human

rights court that discrepancies

are justified, taking account of

small victory yesterday when. along with Germany, it won a temporary injunction from the European Court freezing the expenditure of nearly £10 million of EU funds on schemes to help the poor and elderly. Britain and Germany had complained that the Commission had acted without the consent of the Council of Ministers, the decision-mak-

ing body of member states. Lord Henley, junior Employment Minister, attacked the consultation plan when it was put to ministers by Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs Commissioner, at a Brussels session yesterday. "We see no need for legislation by the Community in the area of worker information and consultation. It would be an unnecessary and inappropriate burden on businesses." he

The proposal, which will be put to employers' groups and unions for further discussion. was backed by most of the

other 14 member states. Most already have laws requiring worker consultation and welcome the Commission's scheme as a way of ensuring fairer competition and avoiding so-called "social dumping". The term is applied on the Continent to countries or companies that are deemed to be undercutting competitors with low wages and payroll The scheme requiring employers to "inform and "con-

O'Neill was born and brought up in Hammersmith

IRA suspect was a model pupil

forces in works council schemes which they have set up across Europe. The Com-Continued from page 1 mission is concerned, however, that only 20 per cent of the EU's multinationals have

so far complied with the law. The Commission is expected to take new action on labour law with explosive political implications for Britain before the end of the year. If the European Court of Justice finds against a British appeal. the Commission is planning to propose an extension of the so called working time directive,

minimum conditions for Britain has asked for the law to be scrapped because it was passed under health and safety rules rather than the social protocol, which would have exempted Britain. London resisted another law which was given final approval by ministers yesterday after

which sets a maximum 48-

hour working week and other

sult" workers would affect

companies with more than a

few dozen workers, Commis-

sion officials said. The thresh-

old figure would be decided

later. The law on work coun-

cils, which came into force last

weekend, applies only to mul-

tinational companies with at

Despite the opt-out, 38 Brit-

ish-based companies have in-

cluded their British work

least 1.000 workers.

muid is a big guy — 6ft 3in — but skinny. I would describe the head teacher, John McIntosh, yesterday as being polite and well-behaved. "I remember him as a boy

with bright ginger hair. He was a well-behaved boy who And Tina Joval, who runs got on well with anybody. He just got on with his work her. He went through school keeping his head down. He was just a very pleasant boy who was never in trouble." But in 1988, he came to the

attention of the Metropolitan Police when £75,000 went missing from the Shepherd's Bush branch of the Bank of Ireland where he had been working for a year. O'Neill was forced to resign, charged with theft, and subsequently sentenced to 12 months in a young offenders' institution. He never appeared in court

again and friends were astonished yesterday to learn of his IRA links. A former neighbour in Hammersmith said: "Diar-

him as a shy and gentle giant. The idea he was capable of being a "sleeper" just seems completely daft."

the corner shop near the O'Neills' Averill Street house. said: "I can't believe it. Diarmuid is such a nice person. The whole family would buy their sweets and their newspapers from us the Daily Mail and The Guardian on a Tuesday."

Mrs Joval last saw O'Neill late on Sunday night when he bought two bars of chocolate. "Diarmuid was always buying chocolate from us, he couldn't get enough. That night he was very unshaven and looked all done in. I assumed that he had been working too hard - I knew he had been decorating."

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Thatcher attacks 'immoral' society

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher last night launched a passionate attack on the permissive society and mourned the decline in British moral standards. She denounced street corner

muggers, perty burglars, and terrorists. The decline in law and order has rendered all of us less secure than we of a right should be," she said. Lady Thatcher was deliver-

ing a fecture at the Institute of United States Studies in which she said that people were now confronted almost daily by those for whom the words "justice" and "right" had no

She said: "So too do we see around us the licentiousness of modern society manifested in popular culture. We have witnessed a coarsening of everything from art to music to literature to film.

"But for some people there seems to be nothing beyond the pale — for them freedom has no limits.

The speech, one of the biggest the former Prime Minister has addressed to the domestic agenda in Britain for a year, attacked the arrival of the "politically correct" brigade. The idea that some things are more politically correct than others is not new

"It has been the guiding sentiment of tyrants in every age." Lady Thatcher warned against being enticed down the rutted and muddy road of socialism. She also hit out at the European Union which could ensnare Britain in "a morass of stifling regulations and government controls whether led by our own social-

ists or those in Brussels". She said freedom and civilisation were conditions that required great effort thought and commitment. "We must constantly affirm that our Western civilization is worthy of an unfaltering and unapologetic commitment to its

STATE OF THE STATE Labour attacks SNP on eve of conference

The Scottish National Party starts its annual conference in Inverness today under attack from Labour for "sitting on the fence" on devolution. A new Labour poster campaign criticised the SNP for failing to clarify how it would vote in a referendum on a Scottish Parliament if Tony Blair won the next general election. Labour has committed itself to a twoquestion referendum pending an election victory. Two posters, which will be driven around Inverness over the next two days, use the image of dice to convey the message that under Labour devolution would be a "certainty", whereas under the SNP it would be a "gamble."

State school exam targets

State schools will be required by law to publish annual targets to raise their examination scores to the level of the top 25 per cent, under government proposals launched yesterday. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said schools would set their own targets for improvement in English, mathematics and science from

INLA prisoner on run

A republican prisoner jailed for plotting a bombing campaign in England three years ago is being hunted in Northern Ireland after failing to return to prison after attending his mother's funeral in Manchester. Liam Heffernan, 34, an INLA member, was given compassionate parole from the top security Maghaberry Prison in Co Antrim last week. He failed to return as agreed by lunchtime last Thursday.

Bishop apologises

The former bishop Roderick Wright yesterday apologised to his family for the scandal surrounding his secret double life and told them that he would not be returning to work as a priest. He made a ten-minute telephone call to his brother, Donald, in Aberdeen after learning that his sister was ill with stress. He said that he was not in Britain but hoped to

Major's libel lawyer

One of the country's leading libel lawyers has been secured by John Major to deal with the subpoena summoning him to appear in a £1 million libel case on the eve of the Conservative Party conference. Charles Gray, QC, is expected to contest moves from The Guardian newspaper that Mr Major give evidence for them in an action being brought by Neil Hamilton, Conservative MP for Tatton.

Treasury woman cleared

The Treasury high-flier who applied to be a Labour candidate broke no Civil Service rules, it was announced yesterday. Helen Goodman, 38, was at the centre of controversy when she was identified as the author of Treasury proposals to dismantle the welfare state. Miss Goodman withdrew from the shortlist of the safe Labour seat of Barnsley East because of the furore.

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Unlikely intervention by Tory knight of the shires

By Andrew Pierce and James Landale

THE Intervention by Sir Nich-olas Bonsor in the Tory single-currency row came hours after he returned from a weekend at the country estate of one of Britain's most influential Euro-sceptics.

He was a guest of Lord Pearson of Rannoch, a sponsor of the Bruges Group, whose President is Baroness Thatcher. The two Old Etonians spent the weekend stalking the Perthshire glens of Lord Pearson's estate at Bridge of Gaur. Europe dominated conversation.

The Minister and Lord Pearson, the unofficial whip of the Tory Euro-sceptics in the House of Lords, were appalled by Kenneth Clarke's the latest bout of infighting. By the time Sir Nicholas, the MP for Upminster, returned to London on Monday with his wife Nadine, he was fired-up by the Pearson rhetoric. But a public strike against

the Chancellor was the last thing on the mind of Sir Nicholas, who does not court publicity.
His background is that of the old-style Tory aristocrat and landowner. A bluff, club-

controversy. A senior backbencher who

Westminster as one of the last remaining Tory squires. Yet the wealthy baronet and direct descendant of Admiral Lord

served on several Commons

Tories break ranks

Continued from page 1 beyond acceptable limits. Many are furious with Mr Clarke and Michael Howard. the Home Secretary, was regarded as having given him less than full backing in interviews yesterday. Mr Howard instead emphasised his opposition to a federal Europe, which many Euro-sceptics believe would be the inevitable consequence of

monetary union. Mr Clarke's friends, meanwhile, launched a fightback on his behalf, claiming a rightwing conspiracy to force him from office and calling on Sir Nicholas to resign.

Sir Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, accused the Euro-sceptics of "undoubtedly" trying to "stampede" Mr Major into changing his policy and his Chancellor. Sir

Nicholas should have kept quiet. "He is a junior minister and if he feels like that, he is free to resign. If I was Prime Minister, I would expect him to," Sir Edward said.

The campaign signalled by the Tory grandees last week, in defence of the single currency, will be stepped up today by Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, who will argue that Mr Major would be "foolish" to heed the calls of the Tory Right to rule out membership of a single

The disarray was exploited by Paddy Ashdown in his keynote speech to the Liberal Democrat conference in Brighton. He said Britain was now governed by a Cabinet "at war with itself".

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committees, Sir Nicholas did not shy away from criticising Ministers before he joined the Government in July last year. An ambitious man, Sir Nicholas, 53, unsuccessfully fought Sir Marcus Fox two years ago for the coveted post as chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee

and Sir Nicholas was only second choice for the interview with the BBC World at One. He was a last-minute suggestion by the production staff after Sir Marcus was unavailable. Yesterday morning the Minister was relaxing in his London flat, having read press reports about the Prime Min-

ister's apparent annoyance with the Chancellor, when Sir Edward Heath went on the BBC Today programme.
The comments of the former Prime Minister, who accused

the Tory right of trying to force Mr Clarke out of office, fur-ther depressed Sir Nicholas. At mid-morning a producer from the World at One rang. Sir Nicholas agreed to a five-minute interview which was recorded over the relephone before the programme went on air at lpm. He did not

seek prior permission from the Foreign Office. By 1.30pm unnamed officials from Downing Street and the Foreign Office telephoned Sir Nicholas at home. The "riot act" was read over the

telephone.

Sir Nicholas, who according to his friends had not realised the impact his remarks would make, agreed to say that he had misinterpreted the press reports of the Chancellor's remarks and the Prime Minis24 CARAT Gold

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Judge urges change in the law to make stalking a criminal offence

Stalker's lawyer rebuked for comments to victim

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

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A JUDGE has called for stalking to be made a criminal offence after taking the unusual step of criticising a defence barrister for suggesting that a woman had invited her stalkers' attentions by "dressing

like a queen bee".
After calling Clarence Morris a "very dangerous man" who should probably be sent to Rampton high-security mental hospital, Judge Butler criticised David Stanton, for the defence, who had said to the jury: "Is it fair that a young lady who dresses to anract, the queen bee attracting the drones, the queen bee that dresses to kill, cries out foul because somebody finds her

Mr Stanton said that Perry Southall, 20, had played up to her resemblance to the "overexposed" television actress Pamela Anderson. He said she "ran the risk" of attracting attention as she dressed to please men. Can she complain if a man, in this case the defendant, finds her attractive? That, in a way, is his

After the jury of six men and six women convicted Morris of occasioning actual bodily harm and common assault, Judge Butler turned to Mr Stanton and said that while he had "no pleasure" in doing so. he wanted to make a point to the court. "Mr Stanton, in your closing speech you made a number of comments about women in general — and Miss Southall in particular - presenting themselves in a man-



Clarence Morris, left, "a dangerous man", and David Stanton, his barrister, criticised by judge

ner designed to attract men and what they must expect as a result. Might I publicly entirely dissociate myself from those comments, which I believe ought never to have been made," he said.

The judge also called for an urgent change in the law. "The jury have on the evidence been able to convict this defendent of the offences with which he was charged, but I believe that what this case shows is that the legislature must move swiftly to create a separate offence for this kind of conduct."

The jury at Southwark Crown Court was told that Morris became obsessed with Miss Southall and subjected her to an eight-month campaign of harassment. After their first meeting when he walked into the dental surgery where she worked in Whitechapel, east London, he born-

barded her with letters and

presents. He continually visit-

ed the practice, banging on the

windows and shouting: "Per-

ry, Perry, I love you." Twice he had threatened her with a blade-edged wallpaper scraper, on one occasion following her as she walked to her car and on another brandishing the implement as he screamed his declarations of love for her.

Miss Southall told the jury that she had been left a nervous wreck who had lost her social life and was unable to sleep properly. "I feared for my life. I was petrified," she

Timothy Banks, for the prosecution, told the judge that Morris has at least 45 other convictions for offences including rape, indecent assault, burglary and possessing an offensive weapon. In 1979 he was jailed for six years

at Bristol Crown Court for raping a 15-year-old girl. In 1992 he was sent to Guy's Hospital for a 12-month course of treatment under the Mental Health Act for affray and a knile offence. Adjourning sentencing to October 22 for medical reports, the judge said that Morris was a very dangerous man who must be sent to a

Outside the court, Mr Stanton wasasked if he regretted his words. He replied: "The words I used to the jury came as a result of her evidence in the witness box in which she admitted that she dressed in the way she did in order to be attractive to me." He refused to comment further.

secure hospital to protect the

Judge Butler later said he would not be reporting Mr Stanton to the Bar council as he had "simply got carried away with himself" during his

☐ Both the Labour and Conservative parties have pledged to make stalking a criminal offence. In July, David Maclean, a Junior Home Of-fice Minister, issued a list of proposals for laws that are expected to be in a Bill introduced in the next session of Parliament.

Among these is a civil measure that would allow victims of harassement to seek an injunction against the perpetrator. Breaking the injunction would be punishable with up to five years in prison. A new offence of causing harassment or alarm was also among those detailed.



Sex case payout police chief to be investigated

By Paul WILKINSON

THE chief constable whose force paid £165,000 to settle claims of sexual harassment brought by a woman detective was last night accused of mishandling the investigation into her case.

A letter containing the com-plaint against David Burke, head of the North Yorkshire force, was handed to officials of the police authority as they met in an emergency session yesterday to discuss the payment to former DC Libby Ashurst, disclosed last week.

David Bramhall, the authority's clerk, said there had been no time to study the letter in detail but at the end of the four-hour meeting Mr Burke, 57, disclosed that he and others of his most senior officers were the subject of a complaint relating to the conduct of the inquiry. He said: "I believe my hands are clean."

He declined to detail the complaints or name the individual who had brought them. The allegations will now be investigated by a chief constable from another force.

The authority has also requested a separate outside investigation by the chief inspector of constabulary and Price Waterhouse, the force's own auditors, into how the settlement with Miss Ashurst was achieved.

Angela Harris, the authority chairman, said it was also asking for the inclusion of an independent "person of suitable standing to "reassure the public of the integrity of the

The authority meeting had been called in the wake of mounting public concern over the size of the payment to Miss

Ashurst, 27, who has been forced to retire after suffering harassment which led to indecent assault while stationed with the CID at Harrogate. North Yorkshire. She is still

rraumatised.
The chief inspector, Colin Hallinan, the head of the CID in Harrogate at the time, was fined £1.500 and transferred to administrative duties at the force headquarters neur Northallerton. He is appealing. Mrs Harris said that she and her colleagues thought he should have been dismissed.

In a statement issued after the authority meeting she said they had agreed to settle Miss Ashurst's claim because counsel had advised them that her case was exceptionally strong. She added: "The Police Authority is concerned that it should be and be seen to be accountable to the public we

The authority has acted throughout on legal advice. including advice from a barrister who specialises in employment law."



Ashurst: payment has

Expensive tastes earn Japanese higher salaries Boys went on run with guns

JAPANESE workers seconded to a ed racially by giving them lower Tokyo company's London office were salaries and fewer job prospects. paid three times more than their British colleagues so they could buy exotic Japanese food, a tribunal was

told vesterday. Three former Ouick Corporation executives, Cliff Wakeman, 45. Stewart Mitchell, 45, and Ashok Solanki, 44. are seeking a seven-figure compensaclaim Noriaki Nakajima, their former deputy managing director, sacked them unfairly in 1994 and discriminat-

Mr Solanki, who works up to 18 hours a day for £39,500, claims he was passed over for promotion by a junior, less experienced Japanese colleague, who was being paid El20,000. But Mr Nakajima told Stratford industrial tribunal yesterday that the pay discrepancy was quite normal. "You cannot

Britain was "substantially lower" than in Japan but said staff brought over from Tokyo needed an attractive pay offer as an incentive to work overseas. And he added: "Not everything is cheaper here. You have to remember that for Japanese we have to buy some special Japanese food as well, which can be quite expensive." He admitted keeping the wages of Japanese staff at and Japanese secondees because we as natural in any firm. He denied that two British staff sent to Japan did not receive the same benefits.

Quick Corporation had a written policy of non-discrimination on the ground of ethnic origin or religion, but Mr Nakajima said he did not believe he had breached this. Mr Nakajima admits unfairly dismissing the three men but denies racial discrimination. The tribunal was earlier told how Mr Nakajima flew into a rage during a metting with Mr Wakeman and husaying he had a "strange skin colour" and "a head like a rock or football".

The hearing continues.

A TEENAGER who admitted handling four stolen guns was given a last chance of freedom

The 17-year-old, who has a series of burglary convictions, was arrested after a gun owner discovered that rilles, pistols and ammunition had been taken from a cabinet at Buckinghamshire.

Police began searching for the youth and his 15-year-old

friend as they went on the run with the weapons. The pair tried to sell them to other teenagers and later took potshots at a wall.

At Aylesbury Crown Court, Judge John Slack was told that the boys were found with the four guns - two target rifles, a Browning pistol, another pis-

The 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was given 28 days in a bail hostel before a decision is made about his future. Judge Slack told him: "I believe that there is about one last hope and that is to get you away from your present environ-ment and to some degree of controlled environment where, if you are ever going to make something of your life,

The other boy was put under a two-year supervision

Man calls off £6,000 sex change operation to wed

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN named Pamela has called off a sex change operation after falling in love with a girl named Sue. Pamela Turner. 31, will be changing his name back to Paul and getting married after realising two weeks ago he was in love

rith divorcee Sue Render. The couple plan to marry in six weeks' time at Selby. North Yorks, Register Office, as soon as Mr Turner's name is changed back by deed poll. For the past two years he has been dressing in women's clothes, and wearing makeup

and earrings. Yesterday he announced that he would be throwing away his female wardrobe. He has also abandoned hormone treatment and plans for sex change operation after attending gender clinics at a hospital in Leeds. The operation would have cost the NHS £6,000 not including the hormone treatment. Mr Turner said: "I do not need that now, I'm happy to be a man as long as Sue is at my side." Mr Turner, of Selby, said he would be wearing a suit at the wedding. He said previous relationships with women had proved a disaster before he came out", but with Ms Rendersomething had clicked.

He said: "I feel like a million dollars. I've known Sue for a while but never had any sexual feelings for her until now. I feel more nervous now than when I first came out as a woman. It's a strange feeling but I have nothing to prove. Sue loves me for what I am and that's all that matters." Mr Turner was sacked three

weeks ago from his job as a care assistant in a nursing home after, he alleges, hurtful remarks by one or two women not connected with the home. He came out in 1994 after saying he could no longer stand being a female trapped in a male body. He also claimed he was once barred from a Working Men's Club after complaints from lady members that he was using

the women's toilets. Ms Render, 35, who has been married twice, said Mr Turner was the man of her dreams. She added: "We're madly in love and very happy. Paul has got caring female emotions which is a nice change when you have been

ill-treated by blokes." She added that she and Mr Turner had known each other for four years. She said: "Two weeks ago we just got together and it has been brilliant ever since. We are like one person. Paul is attracted to me because I'm so caring and I love the fact he's not like any other man I've ever met. Most of the ones I've known have treated me badly but he has such a caring side and so many feminine qualities. We're made for each other, and I can't see us ever splitting up. It's true love."

She added they had a shared interest in country walks and tarot cards. Paul had told her she was the only woman he had ever been happy with. "It was wonderful and we're both looking forward to the wedding day. It's going to be the greatest mo-ment of both our lives."



To have and to hold: Paul Turner and Sue Render

Calaboose calls again for cowboy on the run

By ROBIN YOUNG

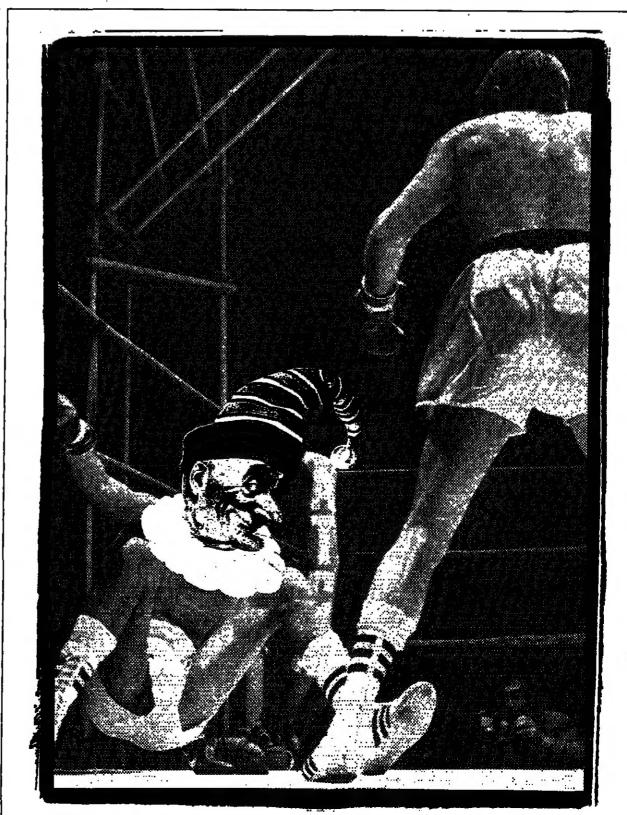
AN ESCAPED prisoner who was a Wild West fanatic managed to evade recapture for four years by changing his names to those of two of his

cowboy heroes.
Colin Tough, a founder member of the Portsmouth Wild West Association, changed his surname to Rogers in honour of the singing cowboy of that name, Roy, "pardner" to the silver screen's

most famous horse, Trigger. The escaped convict, sentenced in 1991 to nine years' imprisonment for a string of armed robberies, affrays, arson and perjury, felt it might invite suspicion to adopt the full identity of Roy Rogers, though, and instead chose the forename Alan, in tribute to Alan Ladd, the star of Shane and many other Westerns.

Yesterday Tough, 49, was back in the calaboose having been rounded up by a posse of lawmen while wandering down West Street in Fareham, Hampshire. He had been living in the town as Alan Rogers since absconding from Garth prison in Preston, Lancashire, in November 1992.

The convict, who loved to dress up in cowboy clothes and stetson hat, escaped when he briefly unhandcuffed while visiting his sick mother in a Lancashire hospital. Police said yesterday that Tough had assumed a new identity in Fareham, obtaining a new national insurance number and claiming social security in the name of Alan Rogers.



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IN PUNCH THIS YEEK, THE PECULIAR MANAGEMENT STYLE OF BRITAIN'S WOST POWERFUL PRESS BARON IS REVEALED. SOMEONE OTHER THAN PRINCE CHARLES CRITICISES MODERN ARCHITECTURE, AND VILLIAN VALDEGRAVE MP EXPLAINS THY HE'S HAD TO GIVE UP BUTYIN

Linford's lunchbox runs Club into trouble

LINFORD Christie, the former Olympic champion, has unwittingly run a biscuitmaker into trouble. The Jacobs company latched on to an expression coined by the media when Christie and other athletes took to running in Lycra unitards and used the phrase to promote an enlarged version of their Club chocolate biscuit. The result has been a series of

complaints to the Advertising Standards

man's dream. An extra one and a half inches in the lunchbox department."

The double entendre is believed by advertising experts to refer to the phrase "Linford's lunchbox", which lexicologists identify as a sports commentator's description of the bulging contents of Mr Christie's skin-tight running shorts. The phrase caught the public imagination and entered common usage with speed comparable to Christie's own recordmore suggestive than a picture of the new Club biscuit, but callers to the ASA have claimed it is a "smutty" and distasteful joke. Men in the north-east have complained in the largest numbers.

Jacobs claimed to be surprised by the reaction. Craig Walker, the firm's general manager, said: The double entendre follows the tradition of the Carry On films and British seaside humour. We believe it falls on the right side of the line

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is committed to outlawing handguns and will not bow to pressure from the gun lobby, Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, told a national conference of senior police officers yesterday.

Speaking weeks before the release

of Lord Cullen's report on the Dunblane massacre, Mr Straw said: The status quo the handgun lobby seeks to defend is the status which killed innocent adults and children

in Hungerford and again in Dun-blane. Sport is about the celebration of life. Handguns are about death. They have no place in our society."

Mr Straw said the handgun lobby

had been ferociously active, inundating MPs with material and capturing the Conservative members of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, who decided against a gun ban. Labour, he said, would not

He told the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association at Stratford-upon-Avon: "We owe it to the parents of Dunblane and the memory of their children to ensure that the chances of such a tragedy happening again are greatly reduced." The law should make it clear that the use and ownership of any kind of gun was not a right but a privilege. Mr Straw said. The police should have an absolute discretion to refuse a licence and not give reasons for so doing.

Handguns were designed to kill people. The public found the notion that they could be used for sport to be grotesque and "for that reason ownership of handguns by civilians should be banned". The only exceptions would be handguns for occupational uses or target-shooting in the case of 22 single-shot handguns, Mr Straw said.

Later the conference voted unanimously for a motion describing current legislation as too liberal. Officers were told that some gun owners held up to 20 of the powerful weapons used by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane. Proposing the motion. Superintendent Dai Davies, a Scotcalled for a national database for firearms that would give every gun a unique identity mark and an individual logbook so that the movement and ownership of a gun could be tracked and recorded.

Mr Davies said all imitation firearms should be banned. Handguns should not be kept at home and the number of shotguns stored in the home should also be reduced. He told the conference it was a sad fact there would always be the criminally evil and

Harriman, of the British Association for Shooting and Conserva-tion, said he believed stricter controls stemmed from the police's "natural desire to control wherever possible". "We are not all camouflaged Rambo raving loonies but are normal men and women who like to do a bit of shooting. The private ownership of firearms in society is one of the cornerstones of any

Lib Dem conference, page



The Sorensen family with Mr Bogie's lead and the coffee jar containing his ashes

for eight years VIOLENT crime rose by i0 cles. It also found that II per cent of women never went out after dark and crime-related reasons were given by 31 per

per cent in England and Wales during the year to the end of June, according to figures published yesterday. The rise in recorded offences of viohome after dark. lence, including robbery, was the largest for eight years and ended a three-year fall in overall crime. Overall, crime recorded by

the police rose by 0.4 per cent in England and Wales to 5.1 million offences. But a Home Office survey of 16,000 households suggested that the actual level of crime was much higher at 19.1 million crimes The survey also found that

in spite of falls in recorded crime during the past three years, only 4 per cent of people believed that it had fallen and

75 per cent felt it had risen. The British Crime Survey showed a 2 per cent increase in offences between 1993-95 compared with an 8 per cent fall in the equivalent crimes recorded by the 43 police forces in England and Wales. It was the smallest increase recorded survey since the survey started in 1981. The rise in violent offences recorded by police is reflected by the survey, which found an increase of 17 per cent. It reports a 5 per cent fall in burglaries and 8 per cent fall in thefts of private vehi-

raud and forgery

cent of women for staying at

Violent crime up

by highest amount

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said that the rise in recorded violent crime was a matter of extreme concern: "There is no room for complacency, one crime of violence is one too many." The Home Secretary also

expressed disappointment that the public still believed that crime was rising by a big amount. Mr Howard highlighted falls in recorded crime against property, including drops in burglary, theft, and theft from and of motor vehicles. But the small rise in recorded crime was seized on by opposition parties anxious to discredit the Government's law and order policies. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said: "The continuing rise in violent crime is particularly alarming. It is these crimes that cause the public more concern and force them to change their way of life." He accused ministers of failing to tackle the underlying causes of crime, deal with antisocial behaviour or overhaul

South East. ☐ Robbery rose by 15 per cent the juvenile justice system. U Violent crimes rose by 31,100 or 10 per cent, to CHANGES IN RECORDED OFFENCES

to 1.2 million, with domestic burglaries dropping by 3 per cent from 650,000 to 630,000, much of it the result of police initiatives such as Operation Bumblebee. But burglaries in other premises rose from 579,700 to 582,900. □ Vehicle offences fell by

Simon Jenkins, page 16

eight years. However, violent crime was only 6 per cent of all Mr Bogie: died suddenly crime recorded in the year to the end of June. Life-threatening offences of violent crime **Diplomat** rose by 15 per cent to 21,100, and less serious offences by 10 per cent to 207,500. The number of homicides, including murder, manslaughter and infanticide, was 730 compared rabies law with 729 in the year to June

331,000, the largest increase in

☐ Sexual offences rose by 2 per cent to 30,432. The increase included a 14 per cent rise in recorded rapes, which included a number of male rapes. Recorded rapes fell in only the East Midlands region. There were increases of 23 per cent to 640 offences in the areas covered by the Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside police forces; 17 per cent to 300 offences in the areas covered by the Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex forces; and 17 per cent to 2,100 offences in London and the

to 72,300, with most recorded robberies being muggings in the streets. Cambridgeshire recorded a 68 per cent increase in robbery. Warwickshire 56 per cent, Cheshire 53 per cent. and Merseyside 46 per cent. ☐ Property offences including burglary, theft and fraud fell by 0.3 by 0.3 per cent to 4.8 million crimes, the third consecutive annual drop. Bur-

10,000 from 1.331 million to 1.321 million, with thefts from and thefts of motor vehicles decreasing by 1 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively.

wife Charae, and seven-yearold daughter Christina, made weekly visits to Andrew's Kennels, Horsham, West Sussex, from June when their pet

month quarantine period. They were also angry at coffee jar wrapped in a dirty Last night Mr Sorensen, who lives in Chelsea, said: "I

certainly will not be buying another dog while I am here in England. I should have known better. Other colleagues have told me they prefer to leave their pets with a friend or relative than put them through the quarantine period in Britain. But Mr Bogie was part of the family Mr Sorensen, his American

criticises

after pet

dog dies

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

WHITEHALL EDITOR

A SENIOR Danish diplomat

is demanding a change to Britain's Victorian quarantine

rules after his family's pet dog

died "in a prison cage

Henrik Sorensen, the Danish consul in London, has written

a letter of complaint to the

Foreign Office about the inci-

dent, saying that his family

will only remember England

He and his family are particularly upset because they had no idea that Mr

Bogie, their 13-year-old Eng-

lish cocker spaniel, was ill.

then learnt that the dog had

died and had been cremated

plastic bag.

for its cruelty to animals'

started its compulsory sixloved ones".

Towards the end of August John Luckhurst, a veterinary form him that Mr Bogie had developed kidney cancer and had died suddenly. Under the strict quarantine rules laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture to prevent rabies spreading in Britain, the dog's body had to be cremated immediately after the post-

mortem examination. The family was so incensed by the treatment of their dog that Mr Sorensen decided to write to the Foreign Office. He said that his family would always remember "that it was

here our English cocker spanhave always been a scourge for diplomats and foreign iel, who actually came back to its roots, was sent to prison and had to die on a cold who attended Mr Bogie, said last night that he had written cement floor ... without his

Mr Sorensen said last night that he was convinced his dog died "due to lack of exercise and - but not least - not He was generous about the care given by staff at the kennels - the family cat, Bluey, is in quarantine at the same place until December but he described the plight of the animals locked in cages as "pitiful".

Last night Robin Silver, owner of the kennels, said he deeply regretted the death of Mr Bogie but added: "The dog was getting on in age and was 13 years old."

Anti-rabies laws have operated in Britain since 1897 and

John Luckhurst, the vet

a post-mortem report blaming

the dog's death on the rupture

of a fast-growing cancer. Sam-

ples had been sent to the

oratory in Weybridge to check

for rabies but these were clear.

years, said he believed quar-

antine was the only way to

keep rables out of the country.

"I honestly believe that there

would be far more expense

and heartache if rabies came

into this country. It would be

"It's all very well to talk about the civilised countries

but just think of India and the

Middle East where rabies is

endemic.

Mr Luckhurst, a vet for 33

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Marathon raises up to £14.5m

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The Fiora London Marathon is one of the United Kingdom's most successful annual fund-raising events, figures compiled from this year's

event proved yesterday. A survey of runners in the race showed that the majority were running to raise money for charity. The 21,409 runners surveyed had pledges to raise more than EILS million. The total that the 27.124 runners who participated might raise could be as much as £14.5 million.

Security loses bite

Two German shepherd puppies bought to deter thieves after a burglary at a house in Penshaw. Tyne and Wear. have been stolen. The tenweek-old black puppies were taken after intruders broke into their compound.

Alarms for pupils

The school in Launceston where Caroline Dickinson, the teenager murdered while on a school holiday to France, was a pupil, has issued students with personal attack alarms to take on a residential

Bird flown home

An injured housemartin is to be flown by an airline to its winter home in North Africa. Air Algerie has offered to carry the bird which is unable to migrate after a cat in Ivybridge, Devon, tore out its wing feathers.

Pregnant girls

The number of girls under 16 getting pregnant has in-creased after a three-year decline. There were 8.3 conceptions per 1.000 girls aged 13 to 15 in England and Wales in 1994, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Aces in the hole

Four members of a golf club hit holes in one at the same hole on the same day of a competition. The Pavenham Park Golf Club near Bedford is contacting The Guinness Book of Records to see if the feat is a first.

Yew tree project

More than 13,000 yew trees are to be planted in parishes throughout Britain in a millennium project launched yesterday by the botanist David Bellamy. They will be planted in churchyards, schools, parks and gardens.

Doctors :

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Zeppelin birthday

Zeppelina Williams, who was named after the German airship that crashed in flames near her home at Great Wigborough, Essex as her mother gave birth in 1916, celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday.

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Investigative Psychology Conference

How serial killers move ever closer to their home

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

POLICE investigating serial killers should focus on finding abducted their victims rather than where they dumped the

The "point of fatal encounter", where the victim is chosen and kidnapped, is much more closely related to the offender's home and his daily routine, new research suggests. Maurice Godwin, a former police officer from North Carolina, is conducting research into geographical profiling involving 54 American serial killers. He is a thirdyear PhD student at Liverpool

fourth International Investigative Psychology Conference on Merseyside yesterday that police traditionally favoured psychological profiling built up from an examination of the site where the body was found, But an analysis of the crimes of the 54 killers, who had each murdered at least ten victims. disclosed that the average distance between the killer's home and his chosen dumping ground was 14.3 miles while the abduction area was only 1.4 miles away.

At each successive murder the killer would travel a smaller distance both to choose and grab his victim and to get rid of her body. A

Persuasion can win murder confessions

psychological techniques to elicit confessions from suspected murderers after the legal furore surrounding the Colin Stagg affair, the conference was told.

Laurence Alison, who helped Mr Stagg's defence team in court, said that the case held lessons on how to obtain convictions ethically.

The case against Mr Stagg, accused of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common, was thrown out after Mr Justice Ognall ruled that the evidence obtained by a covert operation was inadmissible. For months a woman police

senior psychological profiler encouraged a relationship with Mr Stagg through letters containing sexual fantasies. Mr Alison, of the Liverpool University investigative psychology unit, said: We need to develop persuasion techniques that will enable investigators to elicit confessions ethically.

David Canter, who led the psychologists helping the Stagg defence team, said: "If the police are trying to get information that differs from what the person wishes to declare, then that runs into

killer would travel considerable distances to dump a body for the first four or five murders but by the ninth or tenth murder he "is usually almost back at his home. Mr Godwin added: "You look at the last of the series of body dump sites rather than the first... The psychology of this is that as the killer becomes

more confident with his crimes, he incorporates the abduction and dumping of his victims into his daily lifestyle and activities, which are normally close to home."

Mr Godwin said the team investigating the crimes of the Yorkshire Ripper could have focused on Chapeltown, Leeds's red-light district where four of his victims were picked up. They would have earnt much about the murderer's lifestyle by studying the "victims' targeted network.

"Police are overwhelmingly concerned with offenders' characteristics and totally neglect victimology, the study of the victim and their lifestyle." D Police officers, secret service agents and customs officers are no smarter at spotting liars because of their shifty behaviour than the average man in the street, the conference was told.

That stereotype does not hold true, according to an investigation carried out at Leicester University for The Netherlands police. The police were advised instead to assess all suspects individually and their behaviour set against behaviour base rates.

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Old Bailey told that Philip Lawrence made no attempt to defend himself from knife

Accused boy made three confessions to head's murder'

Tarathon raises up to £145m

A BOY aged 16, accused of murdering the headmaster Philip Lawrence, confessed three times to friends that he had stabbed a teacher, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. He first confessed immed-

jately after the confrontation between Mr Lawrence and the gang of youths he led, it was alleged, telling a fellow gang member: "I've made a mistake. I've stabbed a teacher."

Mr Lawrence was stabbed in front of at least 25 witnesses when he went to the aid of a 13vear-old pupil who had been attacked by the 12-strong gang as he left St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale, northwest London, last

Later that evening, the youth allegedly admitted the crime again, telling a former gang member during a game of pool that he had stabbed a teacher twice.

The jury was told that the third confession came on New Year's Eve. when the boy asked a teenage friend how much the police knew about the attack. Mr Bevan told the court that when the gang leader, who cannot be named and is referred to as Boy A. was arrested on January 4 he declined to answer questions from police but offered no

The gang, which styled itself on the Triads, was intent on because one of them, Boy B, was involved in a feud with him. Boy A, aged 15 at the time, saw it as his duty to frighten off pursuers and allow his gang to carry on the beating", Mr Bevan said. "His role was dangerous - to keep onlookers away. No doubt he was in a state of heightened tension and excitement."

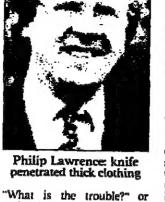
A short distance from the school Mr Lawrence was con-fronted by Boy A, who had become separated from the rest of his gang, Mr Bevan said. The boy approached and challenged the head. Mr Lawrence may have said to him



What is going on?"

"Mr Lawrence adopted a non-threatening and conciliatory stance with his hands in his pockets to start with. Even if he made a grab for the youth's shoulder - that is the most anyone suggests seeing him do - it was no more than was merited in the circumstances," Mr Bevan said.

The youth, dressed in black jacket with its hood up over a baseball cap, said "What do you want?" or something similar. "He then in quick succession slapped Philip Lawrence in the face, kicked him on the leg and then, with a knife which appeared suddenly in his hand, stabbed Mr Law-





St George's school, where Mr Lawrence collapsed

"The head may never have seen the knife and he appears to have taken no defensive action in advance of the blow." Mr Bevan said the head was

wearing a vest, shirt, suit and black overcost. "It was a hard bluw which penetrated his heavy clothing. It entered on the left side of the chest, under the armpit. Philip Lawrence turned holding the left side of his chest and trotted, then staggered, through the ground school, where he collapsed.

The boy then made his first confession. "When someone asked why, self-preservation took over and he added, 'Shut up, it wasn't my fault, we'd better split up.' Everyone appeared shocked at what the youth had said," Mr Bevan

"Of the many eye-witnesses, two knew the youth and saw him do it," the prosecutor said. The first, a former classmate of the gang leader, told police that he saw him deliver what looked like a punch at Mr Lawrence, the jury was told. But the witness saw the attack from the side and would not have been able to see a knife.

"He saw Philip Lawrence immediately after the punch bend over and run back down the road," Mr Bevan said. "He knew the youth and saw what was obviously the knife injury



told that the second witness, a

14-year-old boy who was a

former member of the defen-

least 7cm, according to the The jury was shown photographs of the holes in Mr

the knife. Mr Bevan also displayed a knife, believed to be the murder weapon, found near the scene. The singleedged weapon had a 62 in blade and a double-edged tip which had tiny traces of blood, according to forensic tests.

Boy A is jointly charged with Boy B, who is aged 15, with attacking the 13-year-old. The court was told that Boy B had telephoned the school shortly after the stabbing sounding "upset and ner-vous", and asking to speak to Mr Lawrence. He told the police officer who answered the school telephone that he had been attacked by a gang wielding a metal bar Mr wielding a metal bar. Mr Bevan said: "He was obviously, we suggest, trying to achieve two things: distancing himself from the gang and casting bimself in the role of a

After making one police statement, the boy admitted he had told lies and then changed his story to another "deliberate attempt to deceive police". Mr Bevan said. In this account, he said he had seen the stabbing of Mr Lawrence by a gang, insisting he had not been involved, but was the only witness to say the attack happened outside the school

The jury at the Old Bailey was told that Boy A and Boy B were members of a 12-strong gang which styled itself on the Triads

gates, the jury was told. Mr Bevan said: "It was a transparently, hopelessly false account. If he is lying about all or a significant number of these matters, the question is why? He was not prepared to accept that this whole disaster stems from his lack of selfcontrol over a perceived slight from a 13-year-old."

The boy who was attacked. referred to as Boy C, spent an hour in the witness box vesterday answering questions from leading up to the afternoon of over the head with an iron bar before Mr Lawrence was stabbed. Speaking largely in They were lined up against the

monosyllables and repeatedly asked by Mr Bevan to speak up, the teenager told how he had fought with Boy B in the school corridor four days before the incident after Boy B had pushed him on the stairs.

He said that they had been split up by teachers but clashed again in the playground and were threatened with expulsion. Boy C alleged that Boy B told him that he was going to bring people to deal with me. I told him, Bring them if you want."

Boy C said he was approached by Boy B just before 3pm on the day of Mr Lawrence's death. Boy B allegedly said he wanted a fight as they headed towards a nearby recreation ground, surrounded by friends. Boy C stopped when he saw Boy B's friends in a street near the school. Mr nise them?" He replied: "I could tell. They were Triads. wall. A few of them were wearing scarves over their faces, a few had on hoods or

Boy C said he returned to school to ring a friend for help. There Mr Lawrence asked him what was wrong and told him to go home. But Boy B approached him again and said that he wanted to fight. Shortly afterwards he felt the blow to his head. "I felt something hit me on the back of my head. I was dizzy. I didn't see it. It was hard. All I saw was black."

He ran off, bleeding heavily. followed by the gang and eventually escaped by asking for help at a house. The occupants took him inside and called an ambulance. He needed seven stitches for the

Boy A denies murder. He ing to cause grievous bodily harm and wounding with intent. The case continues.

Doctors call for control of 'killer' body sprays

By TIM JONES

DOCTORS called yesterday for controls over alcoholbased, fruit-scented body sprays after treating a girl who nearly died after drinking

The doctors at Morriston hospital, Swansea, initially thought that the girl, aged two, would die of liver poisoning after she drank 125ml of her mother's banana flavoured body spray. Analysis of the spray showed it contained three times as much alcohol as the equivalent amount of vodka.

Dr Michael McCabe, the hospital's accident and emergency consultant, said that labels showing brightly coloured fruit suggested the contents could be drunk. "Children who drink it can become seriously inebriated and risk coma and vomiting. Worse, they can die," he said.

Dr David Moore, a colleague at the hospital, said: The bottles have a screw top which can be opened by a child. The tube inside looks like a straw, giving the impression the contents are meant to be drunk."

A spokeswoman for Superdrug, which sold the spray, disputed that the bottles resembled drinks and said they contained a bitter tasting element to deter drinking. However, we will look again at how the sprays can be made more childproof," she said.

TV gamekeeper sacked 'because his fame made him arrogant and rude'

By RICHARD DUCE

A MOMENT of television fame made an estate gamekeeper so arrogant and abusive towards wealthy shooting clients that the landowner was forced to sack him, a tribunal was told yesterday.

After Howard Green

starred on the BBC documentary A Gamekeeper's Tale. filmed in 1994, his behaviour allegedly became so insufferable that clients prepared to pay up to £6,000 for a day's shooting threatened to take their business elsewhere.

Major Ranulph Rayner, owner of the 2,500-acre Ashcombe estate, near Dawlish, Devon, said he eventually decided to sack Mr Green after learning that, among other liberties, the gamekeeper was mimicking his accent behind his back.

Mr Green. 33, is claiming at the industrial tribunal in Exeter that he was unfairly dismissed because the major was suffering financial trouble and wanted to let out his cottage.

Major Rayner, 61, told the hearing: "Both I and my main shooting syndicate liked Green but his attitude became increasingly cavalier after he starred in a TV programme called A Gamekeeper's Tale.

"He became ever less con-

cerned about providing good shooting and more concerned

with taking over as a shooters'

agent. The shooting was an

essential enterprise for the

estate and through Mr Green's total disregard for its welfare much of its equipment has been misplaced or ruined.

"We have lost most of our valuable clients, much of our reputation and a considerable amount of income. Mr Green was dismissed for gross misconduct because he turned away our clients.

was told by beaters he was being disloyal and one day I heard him mimicking me in the background. One agent who arranged shoots complained that he heard Green on the radio asking 'has



Green: his boss said TV show changed him

that bastard gone yet?"." He said Mr Green was finally sacked after a party cancelled when the gamekeeper warned them they would not have a good day because they were replacing one Green himself had arranged.

Major Rayner, who is representing himself, told the tribunal that clients paid £20 for each bird and shot up to 300 birds a day.

He also claimed Mr Green had allowed hundreds of young game birds to die of thirst when he released them early during the 1995 heatwave and had cost him E8,000 in compensation after he allowed the birds to raid crops on neighbouring farms. Executives visiting a war

games activity centre on the estate vowed never to return after their day out was ruined when Green, without notice, surrounded the area with shooters, the major said. Mr Green told the hearing: "I would never deliberately

put on a bad day's shooting because I would lose my reputation. The most important thing I can do is to make every day's shooting the best because you are only judged on your last shoot. "I have never insulted the

major or acted against the interests of the estate or done anything to justify my dismissal.

The hearing continues.

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Insurance executive guilty of fake claim

AN INSURANCE company executive who faked a £3,300 burglary claim by hiding hi-fi and video equipment in the attic was reported to the police by his wife

after their marriage broke up. Christopher Way, a £40,000-a-year manager with Pearl Assurance, told detectives that thieves got into the house through an open side window, but Martyn Kelly, for the prosecution, said he concocted the story because he and his wife Sarah were in debt. "His marriage was on the rocks and Mrs Way was living with her parents but seeing her

police that burglars had stolen a video recorder, a camcorder and stereo system. a watch and £900 worth of compact discs. He put in a claim to Comhill Insurance for £3,450 and was paid £3,362."

The court was told that although Way. 31. and his wife, 28, divorced in September 1995 they went on holiday to Tunisia together two months later. "Mrs Way went because she said the holiday had

already been paid for," Mr Kelly said. But before going on holiday Mrs Way spotted that various hi-fi items started reappearing in the matrimonial home at items," Mr Kelly said. "But eventually he admitted to her that he had hidden them in the attic and had made a false claim." In court Mrs Way identified the video recorder by wear marks.

Way denied fraud by submitting a false claims form but was convicted by the jury. He claimed in court that he had bought new equipment after the burglary but the jury was told that he was unable to provide receipts or proof of purchase. Way was ordered to do 200 hours of community service. Ronald Christic, for the defence, said in mitiga-

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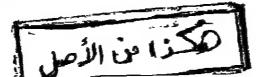
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Union is offer conference peace pact to Blair

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fair dismissal from the first

By JILL SHERMAN, (THEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ressing ream has given no sign that it is prepared to agree to the compromise. Mr Blair has previously made clear that he has no intention of honouring rship is a pledge made by John Smith. le defeat his predecessor, to provide 1 number rights from the first day of including employment.

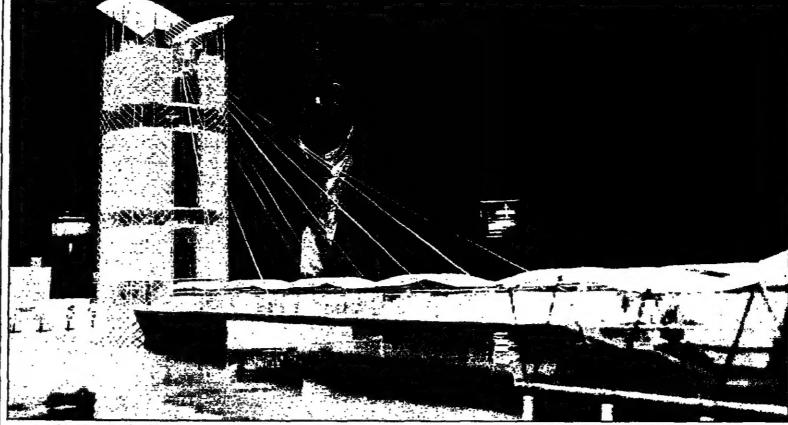
A document produced in

July gave no commitment to reducing the present two-year period before workers get full rights against dismissal, although the Labour leadership said this timescale was "too long". But Ian McCartney, a Labour employment spokes-man, is discussing with the unions a solution that is lict between acceptable to both sides. One union source said that the leadership had "not said no" to the six-month compromise although an agreement had yet to be reached.

> One of the most potentially damaging debates at the con-ference, pitting old Labour against new, will be about state pensions. Baroness Castle of Blackburn will be leading a popular demand for state pensions to be raised in line with earnings rather than

> Unions were expected to back her call but Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, has written to them explaining how costly the scheme would be. We will have to justify our case if we vote against the leadership on this," one union source said.

Sources close to Mr Blair said that he might ignore the pensions vote if it goes against him and press ahead with the policy in the draft manifesto, which drops previous pledges to raise pensions.



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Public lends hand with bridge building BY NICK NUTTALL

ENVIRONMENT

THE public is being urged to help to choose a new London Bridge after deadlock over two strikingly different designs. Some of the world's leading

architects submitted proposals for the first habitable bridge across the Thames for hundreds of years. It would span the river between Waterloo and Blackfriars.

The winning design was expected to be disclosed yesterday. But judges of the design competition, including John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Sir Philip Dowson, president of the Royal Academy, announced that they had shortlisted two plans after being unable to choose a

One proposal, dominated by glass and steel, is from London-based Zaha Hadid. The other, described as a garden bridge, is by the French architect Antoine The shadow employment Lib Dem conference, page 9 Grumbach. Mr Gummer said



Zaha Hadid's design allows a view through the bridge

both designs showed "verve and confidence . . . we found it impossible to choose between two designs utterly different

The public is being urged to vote for a preferred bridge. Ballot papers will be available at Living Bridges, an exhibition which opens at the Royal Academy in London tomorrow. 'Mr Gummer said that both

designs would be self-financing. He expected the bridge, which will be subject to the views of local authorities, to be constructed before the decade ends. Five developers are vving to build the winner. The traqi-born Ms Hadid. who attracted controversy with her proposals for Cardiff Bay Opera House, has designed a cantilevered bridge built from concrete, steel and glass. It would be open in the middle with artists' studios.

homes at each end. M Grumbach has proposed a suspension bridge built partly from stone. It includes a twin tower on the north bank for offices and a hotel. The closing date for votes is De-

shops, restaurants, offices and

Housing plan that has spanned the centuries

By MARCUS BINNEY

MORE than a hundred incapital of Szechuen, as habited bridges were built in Europe from the Middle Ages to the 18th century. Only ten

are still standing.

The longest, at 926ft, was Old London Bridge across the Thames, begun in 1176 and lined with houses to provide revenue for its upkeep. In 1593 it was "adorned with sumptuous buildings; inhabited by wealthy citizens and furnished with all manner of Newcastle upon Tyne, with four-storey houses on both sides, was destroyed by floods

in 1771. In China, Marco Polo found that roofed bridges lined with marble pillars were often the main gathering places in cities. He described a bridge in Chengtu, the

covered "with neat apartments and shops".

Covered bridges were often lucrative. A royal decree of 1141 obliged all the moneychangers in Paris to use the Pont au Change, while in Florence, in 1593, the Grand Duke decreed that the butchers and grocers on the Ponte Vecchio should be replaced by jewellers. The Rialto Bridge in Venice had three walkways and four rows of shops.

Inhabited bridges went out of fashion in the 17th and 18th centuries when they were considered unhygienic and a preference developed for open

views along rivers.

The last inhabited bridge built in Britain is held to be Robert Adams's Pulteney Bridge in Bath of 1770.

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TWO waitresses who became the butt of racist jokes by the comedian Bernard Manning called yesterday for a change in the law to prevent similar incidents. Freda Burton, 25, and Sonia Rhule, 32, won their claim against their em-ployers, the Pennine Hotel in Derby, for failing to protect them from racism.

Asked how jokes such as Mr Manning's could be outlawed, Ms Burton said: When a person telling it can clearly see a person is being upset by it, this should be stopped." She told BBC Radio 5 Live: "Now I hope they will think twice about hiring someone like Bernard Manning, because at the end of the day it's not him who will get the blame. As we all can see

he has got off scot free. It's going to be the employers." The two waitresses lost their first case at a Nottingham industrial tribunal but that ruling was overturned on

Monday by the employment appeals tribunal, which ruled that they had been subjected to a "horrible experience".

what they think of us?"

After the comic's act ended the women had been racially abused by some of the audi ence, which included solicitors and managing directors. Ms Burton attacked their behaviour, saying: "These are people that we go to every day and there they are laughing at us behind closed doors. Is this

Insulted waitresses speak out £3,000 for doctor bullied by women

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A MALE doctor who was bullied by women staff on his hospital ward was awarded £3,300 compensation yesterday

for sex discrimination. Michael Fish, a trainee anaesthetist at Airedale General Hospital in Keighley. west Yorkshire, was one of only a few men working on the ward. He said Janet Baker and Deborah Shaw, consultant anaesthetists, often swore at him and humiliated him in front of junior doctors as he did his rounds, and tried to prevent him getting another job. Dr Fish, 29.

from Kelso, Borders, worked as a senior house officer at the hospital from February 1995 to January 1996 but said there was a conspiracy between female medical staff to keep men doctors off the ward

here he was based. Dr Baker and Dr Shaw, he said, had made it difficult for him to get another job when his two six-month contracts ended. even telephoning potential employers and telling other consultants not to give him a reference. Dr Fish also alleged that Elizabeth Jones, a deputy personnel director, altered holiday figures so it appeared he had taken more time off than he actually had. The tribunal awarded Dr Fish £3,310 for breach of contract, injury to feeling and loss of earnings caused by

sex discrimination. Speaking after the hearing, Dr Fish said: "I am disappointed it came to this, but I am happy justice has been done. Now, after my victory, hopefully no more junior male doctors will be subjected to discrimination by senior members of

Airedale hospital had claimed that Dr Fish had poor communication skills and denied discrimination. Afterwards it said: "We will review our procedures."

Breath of hope at last for asthmatics

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week in the latest results from research by Birmingham doctors who are co-operating with the Royal College of General Practitioners to study the pattern of the disease in the

The Royal College's survey, which is likely to represent accurately the situation throughout Britain, shows that for the first time for many years the number of acute asthma attacks fell by almost 20 per cent in 1995.

This encouraging trend, reported in the newspaper General Practitioner, seems to be continuing in 1996 and there have been other reports that suggest that at last the death rate from asthma is beginning to fall. The number of acute attacks of asthma in 1995 was not even greatly affected by the



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

two minor outbreaks of flu last There are two possible ex-

planations for a decline in the death rate from asthma, and of acute asthmatic attacks. Either the doctors previously over-diagnosed acute asthma or, what is more likely, the determined campaign to improve the prophylactic treatment of asthma so that severe attacks are avoided is beginning to pay dividends. Recent research, in this in-

Medical Journal and the American Archive of Internal Medicine, has investigated the relationship between a woman's menstrual history and the likelihood that she will suffer asthma. The research from Philadelphia confirms what many GPs have always suspected, that in women there is a clearly defined link between attacks of acute asthma and their cycle.

Nearly half the women who were seen as emergencies in stance reported in the British

attacks either in the premenstrual phase or while mensuruating. The time they are least likely to suffer severe asthma is just after they have ovulated. twenty-fifth day of their cycle.

Another piece of good news for asthma patients is that a panel of chest physicians who are particularly interested in the disease have analysed the death certificates and the cirasthmatic patients. Although the patients had asthma, the physicians felt that when the cases were considered carefully there were many cases in which asthma frequently did not deserve to be included on the death certificate as a contributory cause of death. whereas few doctors missed including it when it was a relevant factor.

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GPs and dentists 'turning away most expensive patients'

striking patients off their lists and refusing to accept new applicants because they are too expensive to treat, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux said

A patient who required weekly hospital treatment was struck off after the GP said that the hospital bill was too large. In another case a smoker with chest pains was told to find another GP.

In its annual report, published today, the association says it has received an increasing number of complaints from people who could not find a doctor or dentist to accept them. "We've had a fair number of cases reported from bureaux of doctors pruning their lists. In one case a GP removed dozens of patients," a

spokeswoman said. Although they don't need to remove someone, it looks suspiciously as if it is for financial

patient needing more expensive care or developing a more acute situation. If it were simply a matter of workload it is difficult to see why they would remove people rather than closing their lists to new patients."

More than half the popula-tion is cared for by fundholding GPs, introduced under the NHS reforms in 1991, who have their own budget for hospital care of patients. Health economists predicted that the scheme would lead to "cream skimming" with GPs favouring the healthiest patients in order to keep their costs down. Nonfundholders have no financial incentive to turn away expensive patients because hospital costs are paid by the health

authority. The association said the shortage of NHS dentists was acute in many areas, with complaints highest in southdifficult for many people to get an NHS dentist, especially in commonplace that dentists are not taking new NHS patients," the spokeswoman said.

The British Medical Association said a survey of 1,200 four who admitted striking off patients whose drugs were too costly. Brian Goss, a GP negotiator, said: The number ought to be zero. Doctors are there to be the patient's advocate and it is for the Government and health authorities to provide the necessary funds." The British Dental Associ-

ation said: "We are calling on the Government to increase funding for NHS dentistry as a matter of urgency." in total, more than in

million people consulted the 721 citizens' advice bureaux in England, Wales and Northern Ireland last year. Most had problems concerning benefits and debt, housing, employ-



Oramo: said to be an astonishing conducting talent

Little-known Finin to take over baton from Rattle

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A FINNISH conductor who is virtually unknown in Britain is to succeed Sir Simon Rattle as principal conductor and artistic adviser of the City of Birmingham Symphony

Sakari Oramo, 31, who began his career as a violinist and who has been a profes-sional conductor for only four years, takes over in Septem-ber 1998 when Sir Simon's contract expires. Sir Simon. tion in February, will work as

guest conductor. Mr Oramo joins an orchestra whose past masters have included Sir Adrian Boult. His appointment came as a te surprise to the

Insiders suggested that Sir Simon was regarded as such a hard act to follow that other conductors had been wary of taking on the post. Some had expected the appointment to go to Daniel Harding, a has been noted by Sir Simon.

However, those who have seen Mr Oramo in action sing his praises. When he conduct-



Rattle: to step down from his

chestra earlier this year, one, and critic described him as "yet another astonishing Finnish conducting talent".

Edward Smith, chief executive of the CBSO, said: "Daniel Harding is not even 21 yet and we are continuing to work with him. Sakari was the ideal candidate. He made his first visit to us in May 1995, which made such a big impression that we got him back in July this year.

"It confirmed to the orchestra and management, that he was the finest person we could possibly go for. It was unanimous. He has an extraordinary sense of communication, both to the musicians playing

to the audience." Mr o lives in Bremen. Oram my, where his wife, the so Anu Komsi, is conto the Bremen Opera 198. He studied violin until 19 ibelius Academy, Helat the S. aking his professional ing debut with the sinki, m conducti Radio Symphony Or-Finnish l t a few hours' notice chestra a

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Student cuts £80,000 off firm's costs

A STUDENT on work experience with an engineering firm saved the company £80,000 a year by spotting a way of

improving efficiency.

Janice Vickers cut 79p off the assembly line costs of each of 100,000 nine-speed gearboxes made in the factory each year.

She came up with her idea while spending eight weeks with Eaton, the gearbox manufacturers, in Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, working on a project to make production more efficient.

ton, Co Durham, said: "I'm glad my suggestion could help Eaton to save money and I really enjoyed my time there. It was great to win a prize as

Steve Rose, Eaton's managing director, said: "Janice's project will save us a considerable amount of money and we are delighted with her. It involved looking at a subassembly line. As a result we have made a £32,000 investment to save £80,000 every 12

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BY PAUL WILKINSON

The suggestion also won Miss Vickers, 20, who is on a BSc course in mechanical engineering at Birmingham University, a national award for best manufacturing project and the regional award for the most enterprising student in a scheme run by Shell.

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AN "age timel cause a shortage (the torn of the c Royal College o. claimed yesterday. One in five nurses is aged ove more than a quarte eligible for retires ment by 2000, the college said 1

A survey, conducte ally for the RCN Institute of Empl Studies, says recruitm student nurses mas 39 per cent since 19 87/88. Increases in nurse tra uning e will student nurses has fall not boost numbers unti

next century. Christine Hancock, K general secretary, said: "W far too few students and steadily ageing workforce, are musing out of time to de with the problem. This exdence shows that the shortag of registered nurses will read nt by the year 200 The Government must act nationally to deal with the

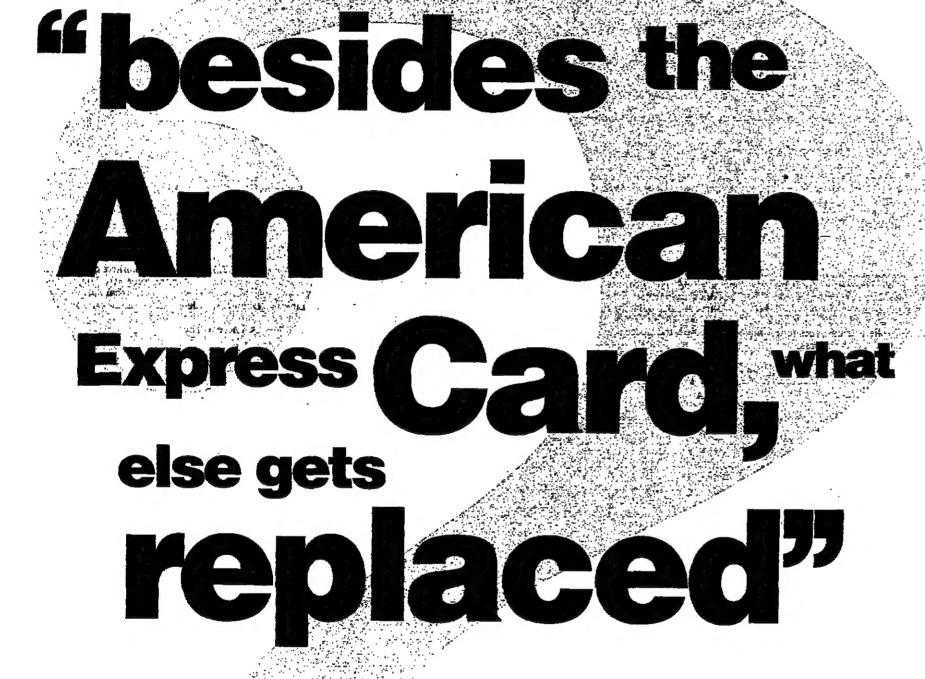
approaching crisis." The survey forms part of the college's evidence to the pay review body which is calling for a national pay rise to bring nurses into line with

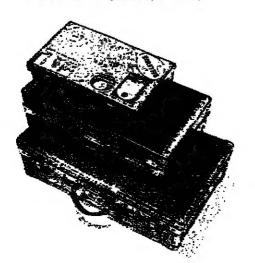
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The Health Department dismissed the warnings. A spokeswoman said: "The pay review body considered all the evidence and concluded there was no widespread shortage of nursing staff."

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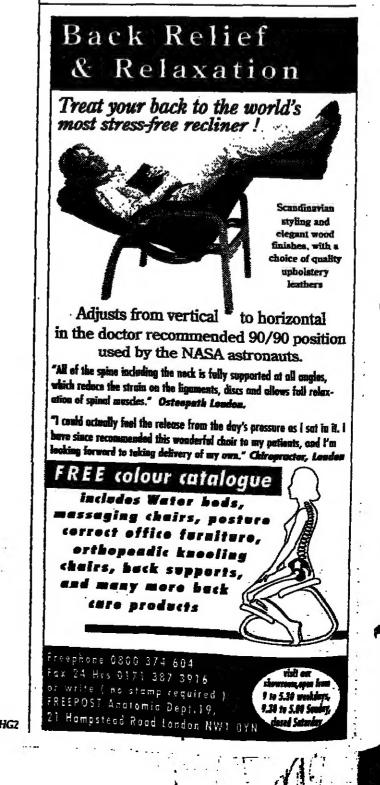
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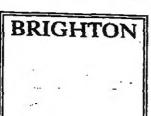
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PADDY ASHDOWN called on Britain yesterday to elect a substantial force of Liberal Democrat MPs to the next Parliament, enabling the party to put the backbone into a Labour government with radical policies on welfare, educa-

Mr Ashdown said the Liberal Democrats would help the British people to "find the hero inside themselves" and turn the country into a "more prosperous nation with a more generous heart". He claimed that his party could prompt a Renaissance in Britain and help to turn it into the world's "number one learning

In his speech to the party conference, he presented the Liberal Democrats as the conscience of "timid" Labour, urging his activists to seize the chance to exercise power at the national level by wielding influence on the next government. He portrayed himself as the strongest leader in Britain, laying claim to the mantle of patriousm, quoting Churchill lavourably and suggesting that the country had not had a

tough leader since his days. Although he stopped short of saying it, Mr Ashdown expects there to be a Blair-led government that will need cooperation and support from the Liberal Democrats if it is to fulfil Mr Blair's boast of changing Britain. He therefore used his speech to set out the distinctive values and policies of his party, inviting the



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merits and to give it a victory for principle and persistence after years of commitment and endeavour.

His message, repeated several times, was that with a strong Liberal Democrat representation in the next Parliament. Britain would face up to the challenges confronting it. Without such a strong force, the challenges would still be ducked.

Although Mr Ashdown reserved his fiercest words for the Tories, calling them the party of debt and devaluation. attacking their "false patriorism" and accusing them of starting the election in the gutter and using fear as their only weapon, he reflected the doubts in his party about Labour. The one antidote to fear was hope, but Labour had chosen timidity. Far from suggesting that he would need to control Labour excesses, Mr Ashdown saw his role as spurring it on to greater radicalism.

'My fear is this: that we shall see an election and

ment — but we shall not see a change of direction." Ensuring that that did not happen was "the first crucial role of this party". Leadership, he said, was about bringing out the hest in others. He committed his party to

the following policies, imply-ing that they would be his goals from co-operation with Labour:

DAn extra 12 billion a year spending on education to reverse the Tory cuts, paid for if necessary by an extra penny on income tax. A comprehensive review of

the welfare system, with the Liberal Democrats trying to forge a new consensus been the parties for reform. Raising the top rate of tax to 50 per cent for carnings over £100,000. freeing 750,000 people from tax altogether. Employing 3,000 more police and forming a crimelighting plan for every com-

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achieved only if the Liberal Democrats were strong in the next Parliament. Enlarging on his leadership



Paddy Ashdown and his wife Jane after his speech to the conference yesterday

theme, he said the country that Churchill led was not miraculously converted from indifference to valour; the qualities were already there. The same was true today: "There is purpose, determination, talent, principle and an impatience to get things done hidden, untapped in our country." He added: "This country is not the mean, unselfish, uncompassionate nation the Tories have tried to make us

these last 17 years."
As the Tories tried to cling to

power, they would scaremonger about the break-up of the United Kingdom, bluster about the threat of Europe. wrap themselves shamelessly in the flag and claim for themselves a monopoly of

"But theirs is a false patriotism," he said. A true patriot would not have applauded Michael Portillo's "grubby attempt to conscript our armed forces into a Tory Party

Highlighting his own back-

ground, he declared: "I count myself to be a patriot. I have served this country as a soldier. I have represented it abroad as a diplomat. I love it and I am proud of it. But the battles we must fight for our country in the next century are different to the battles we have fought in this one - and. as a country, we have just got to stop wallowing in the past, in

past glories, past conflicts and

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Activists back tighter controls on handguns

BY ALICE THOMSON

THE Liberal Democrats called for tough new gun controls yesterday and sought to shake off their image as the party that is soft on crime.

The party conference voted in favour of restricting handguns, other than those for professional use, to singleshot weapons for target shooting. Such guns would also have to be kept at a registered club. The representatives also called for stalking to be made a

firearms to be banned, and air weap-

ons to be licensed. However, the debates were acrimonious with many older Liberal Democrats keen to preserve civil liberties. The conference was split over a proposed ban on all handguns except those for professional use. The old Liberals blocked the proposal by only nine votes. In a rare recorded vote, 357 representatives voted for a ban, but 366 voted for the single-shot restriction. Paul Weller, from Chesham and

Amersham, said that proposals went

shame, he said of the Dunblane school shooting: "I don't believe . . . that we should be in effect grave-robbing those children for votes. That is the sort of politics of Michael Howard and Jack Straw." He added: "I don't like the gun lobby and find them offensive. But, having said that, I am also a Liberal

and there is liberty involved here." condemned the speech as shameful. "Playing with guns is not something insisted that he hand in the gun.

against civil liberties. To shouts of that is safe for the user or the rest of society," he said. Chris Maines, the parliamentary

candidate for Orpington, Kent, told how he had tried to bring a mail-order replica machinegun into the conference centre. He had intended to produce the gun, bought for £135 through a magazine advertisement, to illustrate how easily they could be Chris White, parliamentary candi-date for Hitchin and Harpenden. at the conference, consulted police about his planned stunt and they

Success will be measured in next year's clout

hen Paddy Ash-down said yesterday that he wanted to that he wanted to help people to "find the hero inside themselves", he might have had Kenneth Clarke in mind. After all, the increasingly outspoken Mr Clarke is dominating the conference season, and the calculations of other politicians. The Tories' battles over Europe - for once a military metaphor is appropriate - could have a crucial bearing on the political relignment that Mr Ashdown, and Tony Blair, are

seeking. Liberal Democrats are always predicting the splintering of the political system. For once, this may not be so farfetched. Mr Blair talks of going beyond a tribal view to create a centre-left progressive alliance. Mr Ashdown has said he has more in common with Mr Clarke than the Chancellor has with Michael Portillo, and with Mr Blair than the Labour leader has with Dennis Skinner. The Tory cracks are visible. The party hierarchy may be playing down criticism of Mr Clarke, but his remarks clearly breached collective

The attempt by the sceptics and their press allies to force Mr Clarke out of office will probably fail, however annoyed John Major may be. Last night's unconvincing Downing Street statement was intended to defuse the crisis. But as Mr Ashdown warned, the stakes are high. Mr Clarke's resignation, possibly accompanied by other ministers, could be a terminal blow to the crediblity of the Government. The resulting turmoil in financial markets might produce just the sharp rise in interest rates which Mr Clarke is trying to avoid. The sceptics are deluding themselves if they think that get-ting rid of him will improve the Tories' election chances. Whatever happens in the short term, the pro-Europeans appear a beleaguered faction. Some of Mr Clarke's allies are already looking beyond the

cross-party co-operation. Mr Ashdown's hopes for the Liberal Democrats depend on such fluidity in the centre of politics. There will be

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election to the possibility of

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will be left open. His conference speech yesterday, his best in his eight years as leader, was intended to put his party in a position to work with a Blair government. This involves a twin-track approach of establishing a distinctive identity for the party to attract voters while not creating any obstacles to cooperation. His theme was that the more Liberal Democrat MPs there are after the election, the more chance there will be of a real change of direction on education, the environment and constitutional reform. He depicted the Liberal Democrats as bold and candid while Labour is cautious and evasive. Of course, it is always easier for a party which is not aspiring to form a government to take such a line - and selfrighteous claims that the par-"will ensure that great issues are faced, not fudged' can become tedious after a few days. But his speech worked in boosting the spirits of Liberal activists and in conveying an impression of self-confidence and harmony.

ince 1988, Mr Ashdown has skilfully rebuilt his bles of the merger and gradually steered it towards a realistic political strategy. Being a think-tank is not enough. He wants a share of power and policymaking, to change Britain. "Putting that first and taking risks to achieve it is how we have won our great success in local government. And in the short time ahead we will have to show the single-mindedness and courage to do that at national level, too." In other words, don't be too pure and party chauvinist. For Mr Ashdown, success will be whether, at next year's conference, he can claim an influence over central government. if not a formal share of power. Such hopes have often been disappointed in the past, but the renewed Tory inlighting suggests that old party demar-

PETER RIDDELL

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Maines: gun stunt ruled out by police Nicholson wins applause

EMMA NICHOLSON, addressing her first conference after defecting from the Tories, drew rapturous applause with an assault on her former colleagues (Arthur Leathley

The MP for Devon West and Torridge said that John Major had been "beached by his own timidity" as the "rabid anti-European tendency" dominated a Tory party in which senior ministers had become semi-detached.

She also said: "If evidence were ever needed of the state of decay into which the Tory party has sunk, the long march of the Right provides plenty of it. The Tories lost the capacity to listen to the electorate at all years ago and the electorate knows it."

Labour's home rule 'farce' attacked

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR'S recent changes on plans for a Scottish parliament are making a farce of its devolution policy, the confer-

ence was told. Jim Wallace, the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, condemned Labour's decision to hold a referendum on devolution despite being advised against this by members of both parties in the Scottish

"In a few weeks of political mismanagement. Labour brought joy to the opponents of home rule, lost a summer's opportunity of positive cam-paigning and showed that, in the midst of all the talk of new Labour and the new pluralism, the quick-fix of old Labour was alive and well and able to find houseroom in Islington. Summer has rolled on and the shambles of their referendum ploy has at times degenerated into farce."

He said that the Liberal Democrats were committed to reinvigorating democracy by decentralising power throughout the UK.

forms are largely symbolic, party leaders see them as an important step in bringing fundamental change to some of Britain's oldest institutions. They also say that the unanimous approval will help to increase the momentum of talks on constitutional change

Unanimous backing for monarchy reforms

REFORMS that would limit the power of the monarchy were backed by the confer-

ence yesterday.
The Liberal Democrats unanimously approved plans to remove the Queen's right to choose the Prime Minister in the event of a hung Parliament, to approve treaties with-out Parliament's agreement and to set the date of an

Although the proposed re-

being held with Labour.

Other changes passed include plans to reform Parliament and the electoral system. The party wants the House of Lords to be cut from 1,200 peers to 300, and the Commons cut from 651 MPs to about 450. MPs would be elected by proportional repre-sentation for a fixed period of

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in their thousands in the naive

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Fear and pointless wars tear Pakistan apart

AS IT approaches its fiftieth anniversary, Pakistan is torn by crises of morality, religion, politics and war. It is bleeding to death on the streets of Karachi, the financial capital. It pursues a doomed battle in Kashmir. It persists with the ly 20,000ft on the Siachen glacier in the Himalayas.

Even its Islamic identity. one of two principal unifying forces in a multilingual, multicultural country, is degraded by conflict between Sunnis and Shias. Murdering each other at prayer is a measure of how menacing the religious divide is, destroying any sense of nationhood and purpose. Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, admitted in so many words that religious killings were threatening the country's

The other unifying force is a hatred of India. But two generations after partition there is no grassroots hatred: there is only a false fear. India has neither territorial designs nor aggressive intent. As a matter of policy it uses restrained language towards Pa-

For most Pakistanis, India is no longer a 'bogey man', Christopher Thomas writes. The nation's own decay is the shadow over its imminent 50th birthday

rhetoric plays into Islam-abad's hands. The Indian extricate them from India. Kashmiris are sick of being bogey is losing the power to frighten, and thus to unite. Pakistani pawns: hating India does not translate into fond-India has offered to pull ness for Pakistan, despite Pakistani propaganda. This truth is filtering back to grassback from Siachen: Pakistan snubbed it. It has offered to roots Pakistanis. open cross-border trade: Paki-stan has not replied. India is

America is secretly pushing Pakistan to open direct talks ready for bilateral talks on Kashmir: Pakistan declined. with India on Kashmir. Delhi The Pakistani establishment is has privately agreed, so long as the talks are bilateral with determined to keep relations hostile; without it the point of no intermediaries. Frank Pakistan would come into Wisner, the US Ambassador to India, told army officers in The lie that Kashmiri Mus-Rawalpindi that Pakistan lims, with their unique Sufi should accept certain "realitraditions, want to join Pakities" - in other words, there is no prospect of India abandonbrotherhood has justified 49 ing the Kashmir Valley. Delhi years of cross-border bloodis willing to declare the bound-

tional border.

Pakistan's curse is that India assumed all its history in 1947. The young country has

ary in Kashmir an interna-

cratic structure, without any sense of itself beyond separateness from India. The military has ultimately held it together, and the army is still the most powerful force for stability and the only one not disintegrating. The courts are cor-rupt, the police venal, the politicians rotten. That is why Pakistan has been under military rule half its life.

There is a repugnance over dictatorship among the new generation of generals, and they are doing everything to allow democracy its head. But there may be a limit to how much Pakistan can take of its assertive President Leghari, who took office in 1993 after Benazir Bhutto returned to power, has dusted off a rarely used provision enabling him to order a parliamentary investigation into corruption. intervention reflects his, and the military's, alarm at the accelerating decay

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Murtaza Bhutto's daughter Fatima, 14, right, and his widow, Ghinwa, mourn for Larkana, Pakistan. Bhutto, Minister, was killed with six

Alert over Punjab riots

Security forces across the country have been put on

spreading. More than 100 religious extremists were arrested yesterday. On Mon-day, 23 worshippers were

killed and and 50 others wounded in an attack on a Sunni mosque in Multan. and other towns in the Punjah, as angry crowds attacked the Shia religious

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evacuated staff from the border between Zaire and Rwanda after artillery and machinegun exchanges between the two countries' forces raised fears that war could break out in the region.

The Rwandan Government said yesterday that its troops had engaged the Zairean Army in eight hours of heavy gunfire across the border for the second night in a row on Monday. Later an indepen-dent radio station said that both sides had agreed to a

Emmanuel Ndahiro, adviser to Major-General Paul Kagame, the Rwandan Viceopening fire first with antiaircraft guns and rifles.

"We are checking for casualties. The truth is that they fired first. We opened fire in response," he said.

Three foreign workers with the Red Cross were evacuated yesterday while plans were under way to get about 40 essential staff with the United Nations, out of the area.

Other foreigners contacted in Bukavu, the Zairean border town, said that the hills around had been heavily bombarded from the Rwandan side while they had also seen explosions inside Rwanda, but there were no authoritative reports of casualties.

The conflict has its roots in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Hutu extremists fled to Zaire as Tutsi rebels advanced and since then have been using the country as a base from which to attack Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated regime.

Genocide trial: Human

rights groups have asked the UN to include rape among the charges against Rwandans accused of organising the country's 1994 genocide, after of systematic sexual abuse that have left 5,000 "children

Jean-Paul Akayesu, a Mayor in Taba commune in central Rwanda, is due to stand trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda this week. He is accused of crimes against humanity and geno-cide, but the Washingtonbased Human Rights Watch-Africa and other organisations have alleged that he helped to organise the rape of Tutsi women by Hutu men.



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Sting: his music must pass "purity test"

Sting to give a concert in Vietnam

FROM KEYIN BUBEL IN HANOI

STING is to give a concert in

will not be singing Russians. Under regulations introduced earlier this year by the Communist Government to contain what it calls "social evils", or foreign cultural influences that it deems harmful, all musicians wishing to perform anywhere in Vietnam require a permit saying that their lyrics have passed a "purity test". Words to Sting's songs, in English with a Vietnamese translation, were submitted to the Ministry of Culture and Information for scrutiny months ago.

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"In this country the Govern ment is not familiar with international music and is concerned how their people might be influenced, so they have been slow in wanting it to come in," said Larry Hurwitz. Sting's manager, in Ho Chi

Minh City.
Misunderstanding of the use of modern phrases, even among the most savvy English speakers in Vietnam, can lead to confusion and offence. "I think Russians (in which Sting asks if they love their children was written with heartfel intent for all peoples, don't

you?" Mr Hurwitz said. To save jeopardising the performance. Mr Hurwitz said the song was not submitted on the playlist to Vietnamese officials. Sting's will be the first major rock production in Vietnam since the war ended

2l years ago.
Top ticket prices for the
4,000-seat concert in Ho Chi
Minh City on October 16 is about £30. But there will be po problem selling them.

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fast-rising new breed of wealthy young people who have shrugged off the dark days of collectivism.

British surgeon denies manslaughter of three

FROM REUTER IN WELLINGTON

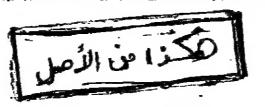
A BRITISH heart surgeon pleaded not guilty in a Wellington court to three charges trial opened yesterday.

Keith Ramstead, 44, deaths of three patients he operated on when working in a Christchurch hospital in 1991 and 1992, and with falsifying their death certificates. The Liverpool doctor returned to New Zealand after a 212-

year extradition battle. The charges allege that Mr

Ramstead caused the deaths of an elderly woman and two men by failing to use reasonable knowledge, skill and care in surgical treatment. Dressed in a dark suit and looking pale, the surgeon pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The trial was transferred from Christchurch to Welling ton at Mr Ramstead's reque The deaths occurred in December 1991, and June and August 1992, on the operating



Draft by Mrs Clinton 'misled bank officials'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AS A LAWYER in Arkansas, Hillary Clinton drafted a document that was used to deceive bank inspectors and divert a payment of \$300,000 (£193.000) to one of her partner's relations, according to a federal report made public yesterday.

The account is the latest twist in the tortuous money trail involving the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan institution in Little Rock in the 1980s, as well as property dealings that allegedly benefited insiders, ultimately at taxpayers' expense.

The report makes no direct allegations of criminal wrongdoing against Mrs Clinton and does not reach a conclusion about what she knew. She has said under oath that she cannot recall her involvement in the episode. Nor does the report recommend a course of action, although the dealings are being investigated by Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor.

In a television interview, President Clinton said he believes that Mr Starr, a Republican, is out to "get" him and Mrs Clinton. "Isn't it obvious?" he asked. Voicing ex-traordinary criticism of the

prosecutor, the President said there is a lot of evidence" to support Susan McDougal's claim that Mr Starr is trying to force her to provide damaging evidence against the Clintons, even if false. Mrs McDougal is in prison for contempt of court for refusing to co-operate with Mr Starr. She and her former husband, James, former owners of Mad-

ison and the Clintons' partners in the Whitewater land deal, were convicted of fraud. Yesterday's report was prepared at the urging of Republicans on the Senate Whitewater



Starr: fiercely criticised

committee who hoped to embarrass Mrs Clinton and the President in the weeks before the election. However, the disclusures seem unlikely to affect Mr Clinton's re-election chances, given his big lead over Bob Dole in the polls and the fact that voters are victims of "Whitewater burnout". The story is too complex for read-

ers and viewers to follow and

there have been too many false

denouements before.

The report was prepared by the Inspector-General at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, a government agency that insures bank deposits and enforces banking laws. The findings were based in part on Mrs Clinton's records at her law firm, which had been missing until found in the White House private quarters this year.

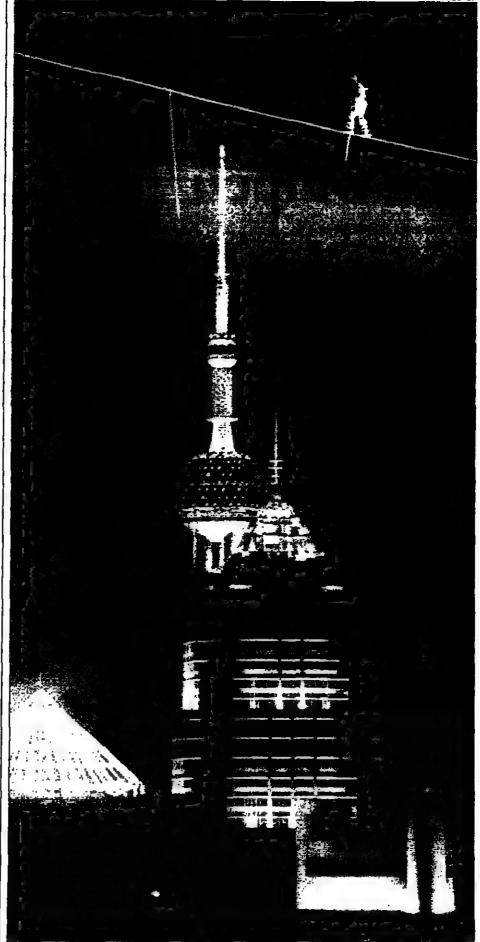
The documents refer to her legal work for Madison with Webster Hubbell, a law partner who came to Washington with the Clintons as an Assistant Attorney-General but who is now in prison for fraud. The account alleges that Madison, too low on funds to invest directly in a large land project, arranged instead for Seth Ward, Mr Hubbell's father-in-

law, to be a "straw buyer", a purchaser in name only, for which he was a paid commis-sion of \$300,000.

The report said: "Madison used a document drafted by Mrs Clinton to deceive federal nature of the payments to Ward," The document was an option by Madison to purchase a parcel of land from Mr Ward for \$400,000, more than double its appraisal value. The report said it made Madison's payments to Mr Ward

look like a loan. The method of paying commission evaded regulations designed to protect the soundness of Madison, the report said. It also noted that in 1988, before a legal action by Mr Ward against Madison, Mrs Clinton ordered the destruction of all her files related to the transaction, including one

labelled "Ward option". David Kendall, Mrs Clinton's lawyer, said that the report "does not allege that Mrs Clinton did anything wrong or had any knowledge of any illegal intention with respect to the option, if there was such an intention, in the two hours of work she did on it over ten years ago".



A spotlight picks out tightrope walker Jay Cochrane as he edges across the 650ft gulf between two Shanghai skyscrapers, using only a balancing pole. Several thousand people paid to see the Canadian, who took 15 minutes to complete the stunt

Restorers 'harming' frescoes by Giotto

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AN ARRAY of art lovers including Lord Menuhin, the violinist, Danny DeVito, the actor, and Sir Ernst Combrich, the art historian, yester-day predicted that an Italian government restoration programme could damage the

Giotto frescoes in Padua The group demanded a temporary halt to the work on the early 14th-century frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel, which depict biblical scenes and are considered to be of immense artistic value.

Six hundred petitions from around the world were delivered to Italian government representatives in New York. The campaign was organised by the Manhattan-based ArtWatch International, which wants to halt the excesses of art restoration.

The Italian Government has provided El.9 million for work on the frescoes, which Giotto painted in 1305.

James Beck, of New York's Columbia University and president of ArtWatch, said: It is essential for the world to have a say in this work. The art world is in the hands of a few people who think that they are the only ones to have influence over art restoration. It is like leaving maners of pollution to be decided by the oil companies."

Professor Beck found that there was "knee-deep" water in the crypt while on a recent visit to the chapel. The flooding was apparently caused by a rise in water levels after nearby trees were cut down. He claimed that nothing was being done about the water except some rudimentary draining dangerously close to the frescos.

At the same time, he said, the Italian authorities were planning an elaborate and unsightly humidity control system at the entrance to the chapel. The work, he said, was experimental, and possibly dangerous to the frescoes.

The ArtWatch campaign has backing from a wide range of celebrities and its petition has been signed by academics from numerous international institutions, including the Royal Academy and the Royal Society of Portrait Painters.

Nuclear powers sign pact to outlaw test explosions

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE world's five declared nuclear powers and dozens of other nations yesterday signed an historic treaty that will effectively end the Cold War era of nuclear testing.

Britain joined the United

States, Russia, China and France in signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty outlawing all explosive nuclear tests after half a century in which more than 2,000 have been performed.

After putting his signature to the text, President Clinton told the United Nations General Assembly that the treaty was the "longest-sought, hardest-fought prize in arms control history".

"The signatures of the world's declared nuclear powers along with those of the vast majority of its nations will immediately create an international norm against nuclear testing — even before the treaty formally enters into force." he said.

In order to come into effect, the treaty requires the signature of all 44 nations with a nuclear power industry. Dozens signed yesterday, but it may still never come into formal legal force because of the opposition of India, one of

three so-called "threshold states" thought to have Ban Treaty.

nuclear weapons capability. Insisting that it would preserve its own "nuclear option" until the declared nuclear powers had disarmed, India has vowed not to sign what it described as a flawed treaty. Pakistan, also a "threshold state", reacted by saying that it

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would not sign either until India agreed to do so.

The comprehensive test ban is the culmination of negotiations which began with the conclusion of the Limited Test Ban Treaty in 1963, banning nuclear test explosions in the atmosphere, underwater or in outer space. Tests continued underground but restrictions were placed on their size in

1974 by the Threshold Test Negotiations on the compre-

hensive ban began in Geneva at the UN Conference on Disarmament in 1994, although both France and China continued testing. When India blocked the necessary consensus in the Geneva talks, Australia led a successful diplomatic campaign to open the treaty for signature anyway.

Legal argument continues over whether countries which sign and ratify the treaty are bound by its terms under international law even before it comes into full legal effect with 44 signatories. British officials yesterday avoided answering whether Britain now considered itself barred from

further test explosions.

Arms control advocates cautioned that hydro-dynamic. sub-critical and other nuclear tests could continue and said the nuclear powers had developed means to test by computer simulation.

In his address, President Clinton called for ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention by the Republican-controlled US Senate and for a global ban on antipersonnel land-mines.

Rifkind in asylum ban plea

New York: Britain called yesterday for a United Nations declaration barring political asylum for terrorists Uames Bone writes).

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, told the General Assembly that terrorists should not be able to benefit from the provisions of the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees to secure political asylum. Britain plans to push for a declaration by the assembly by the end of the year, and can count on support from the European Union and the G7

leading industrialised nations. British officials say the declaration would prevent terrorists from using refugee laws to seek sanctuary in Britain. It might also apply to wanted IRA men who have obtained political asylum in the United

"People who do these evil things and who seek asylum under the UN refugee convention do not deserve to benefit from it," Mr Rifkind said.

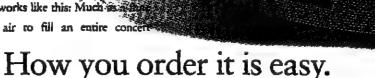
In his speech, the Foreign Secretary emphasised Britain's commitment to the goal of global free trade by 2020 and said all governments should liberalise their economies and lift trading restrictions.

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President tables a snub to UN leader

BY JAMES BONE ond five-year term, so that all

PRESIDENT CLINTON delivered a diplomatic snub vesterday to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the man he is seeking to remove as UN Secretary General.

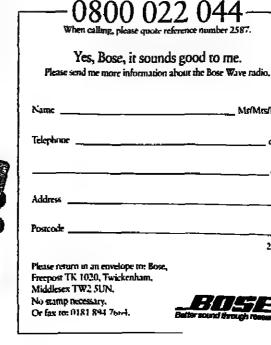
Although Mr Clinton exchanged a cordial handshake with the smiling Dr Boutros Ghali on arriving at UN headquarters, he rejected the customary invitation for lunch and tried to have cameras banned from their short tete à tête. The President's handlers relented only when a UN spokeswoman threatened to announce publicly why no on reform. television pictures of the en-

counter were available. Before leaving Washington, the President and his officials had reiterated that Washington would use its

eyes at the UN headquarters were on the two men when they met. Last year, during the UN's fiftieth anniversary celebrations, Mr Clinton accepted the invitation to lunch and gave a

toast praising Dr Boutros Ghali. Then, when America announced its opposition to Dr Boutros Ghali's second term, a UN spokesman dug out the toast from the files and used it against the Clinton Administration's contention that the UN chief was tardy In the end, UN television

showed Mr Clinton sitting next to Dr Boutros Ghali yesterday, but with little evident appetite for conversation. UN sources said the two dis-



Neglect, vandalism and corruption threaten ancient town with modern-day destruction

Rescue cry goes up as tourist tide swamps Pompeii

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

LEADING British and Italian archaeologists said yesterday that Pompeii, "the symbol of European archaeology". was in an accelerating state of missing funds. deterioration because of neglect, vandalism and corruption, and outlined an urgent

plan to save it. "Pompeii is dying." said Walter Mazzitti, president of the Archaeological Club of Italy. Pompeii could no longer withstand the "deadly pressure" of II million tourists a year crowding through its ancient streets, touching crumbling stone walls, frescoes and mosaics, and vandalising treasures.

Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, director of the British School in Rome and a key figure in the campaign to save Pompeii. said the problems were partly due to "the culture of corruption" in southern Italy. The international restoration drive is being co-ordinated by Piero Guzzo, the new Superintendent at Pompeii, whose predecessor, Baldassare Conticello, is awaiting trial for alleged corruption after scandals over

"We are waiting to see whether the new left-wing Government of Professor Romano Prodi will be able to break the culture of corruption." Professor Wallace-Hadrill said. "Corruption makes it difficult to run a multimillion-dollar project."

A new plan to restore key sections of Pompeii in a more rational way is being drawn up by a committee from the British School in Rome, Reading University and the Pompeii Superintendent's Office.
Only some mosaics are protected behind perspex and the famous Cave Canem (Beware of the Dog) mosaic at the House of the Tragic Poet has been fenced off

said some damage was done by schoolchildren. "Fifty or 60 coachloads arrive at a time and empty out on to the site. The children rush around tearing the site to pieces," he said. "This is one of the plagues of Italy - instead of learning how to respect their patrimony, children are left to romp all over it like a

playground." Professor Mazzitti said people "trample on the mosaics and deface the plaster". He declared: "Pompeii cannot much longer withstand 30,000 visitors a day storming en masse through the site."

A former Greek colony, Pompeii became a wealthy Roman trading town in 200 BC, famous for its fish sauce as well as its patrician villas. It was destroyed in AD 79 when Mount Vesuvius erupted, covering it in hot ash and pumice. Two thousand people died of asphyxiation. Pompeii lay



A young tourist in the ruins of Pompeii, which are under "deadly pressure" from 11 million visitors a year. One option is to make part of it like Disneyland

buried for nearly 1,700 years, with only the tops of houses and columns visible, until the 18th century, when archaeologists began to uncover nearperfect streets, houses and preserved bodies.

Entrance tickets bring in £7 million a year, but barely half is ploughed back for restoration and maintenance. Walter Veltroni, the young ex-Communist Deputy Prime Minis-

ter, who also holds the cultural affairs portfolio, has vowed to release more funds, provided they are properly targeted.

Professor Mazzitti said Pompeii was so neglected it had become open to stray dogs, vandals and "night predators such as prostitutes". There was a lamentable lack of planning in the government-funded restoration probuilding is restored, then another. There is no logic." He called on the Government to invest at least El billion instead of the £200 million be to put selected exhibits on

earmarked for Pompeii so far. Professor Wallace-Hadrill said that eight blocks of an-cient houses had been "thoroughly and expensively restored" after the 1980 earthquake in the area, with new roofs and lintels made from

the same materials that the Romans had used. But ten times as much remained to be He said the solution might

show and rebury the rest. We need restoration which allows the public to get a vivid impression of what the remains were originally like. But this covers the evidence in modern masonry. So we also need to 'wrap up' or rebury whole sections in lapilli — that is, volcanic material — to

generations." Professor Wallace-Hadrill suggested that to meet the demands of the tens of thousands who sweep through Pompeii every day - "at times, more people than actu-ally inhabited the place"—the authorities might construct an archaeological Disneyland along the lines of colonial Williamsburg in America.

"Instead of taking the most beautiful houses and encouraging tourists to pass through them, as at present, we could select the most neglected part. ruined by two centuries of exposure and neglect, and reconstruct a 'slice of Roman life' where people dressed in togas served drinks behind the

sor Wallace-Hadrill said. That might deflect tourists from passing through and gradually destroying the most precious parts of the site."

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of a slave, and so on." Profes-

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He said the success of Signor Guzzo's call for international efforts to save Pompeii would depend on a convincing restoration plan.

There is a lot of Japanese interest in Pompeii which could be harnessed. But nobody wants to put their money into a black hole. They want to be reassured that their money is being spent effectively.

Tunnel to Jerusalem holy site sparks riot

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

HUNDREDS of stone-throwing Palestinians rioted here yesterday as Israel touched a raw nerve in the Arab-Jewish dispute by opening a new entrance to a tunnel beside the Temple Mount, site of Islam's third-holiest shrine.

Last night, the 22-member Arab League warned Israel that the work at the site, also known as Haram al-Sharif, would "stir the feelings of Muslims all over the world" and lead to an "angry popular confrontation". The League said it would be appealing to the United Nations, the European Union and America and Russia, co-sponsors of the

work halted. The task of completing the tunnel, begun 12 years ago but shelved because of previous violent protests, was achieved under cover of darkness and heavy guard. It was approved by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and watched by Ehud Olmert, the rightwing Mayor of Jerusalem.

Although only 500 yards in length, the tunnel crosses what has for years been a flashpoint in the battle for control of Jerusalem. When news of the completion spread, Palestinian mobs at-tacked israeli patrols and set a lorry on fire off Salah-a-Din Street, the main commercial

thoroughfare.

The work opens a second exit from the Via Dolorosa. the route Jesus is believed to have taken to the Crucifixion, to an existing tunnel begin-ning at the Wailing Wall, the holiest site for Jews. Arabs allege that it breaches the sanctity of the Temple Mount, which contains the al-Aqsa

Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, said: This is a big crime against our religion and holy places. This is an Israeli madness to change the fea-tures of Jerusalem."

But Mr Netanyahu was praised by right-wing sup-porters for undertaking a task avoided by previous prime Mr Olmert said the mess-

ige was simple. "Hey guys. we are not playing games. Not everything that happens here will be subject to negotiations because we are the sovereigns of the city."

Israel claimed that the opening to the existing tunnel

would give tourists easier access to archaeological sites beneath the Wailing Wall. Any digging close to the Temple Mount evokes fury among Palestinians suspicious that Israel is trying to undermine Muslim sites.



New arrest in Belgian scandal

was arrested yesterday on charges of involvement in Belgium's paedophile murder scandal as rival police forces blamed each other for failing to halt the crimes of Marc Dutroux, a confessed kidnapper (Charles Bremner writes). Marleen De Cockere, 40. who was charged with crimi-

nal association and drug trafficking, is a former companion of Jean-Michel Nihoul, a Brussels businessman. He is one of 12 people who have been charged with offences related to the deaths and torture of young girls.

Rushdie fatwa pledge by Iran

Tehran: Iran pledged for the first time in writing that it would not "send any commandos" to seek out and kill the British author Salman Rushdie, but it insisted that a religious decree or fatwa condemning him to death for alleged blaspherny was irrev-ocable. The commitment came amid hopes that Iran and the European Union were near a settlement of the Rushdie alfair, which has strained ties for the past seven years. (AFP)

Graf's father loses bail plea

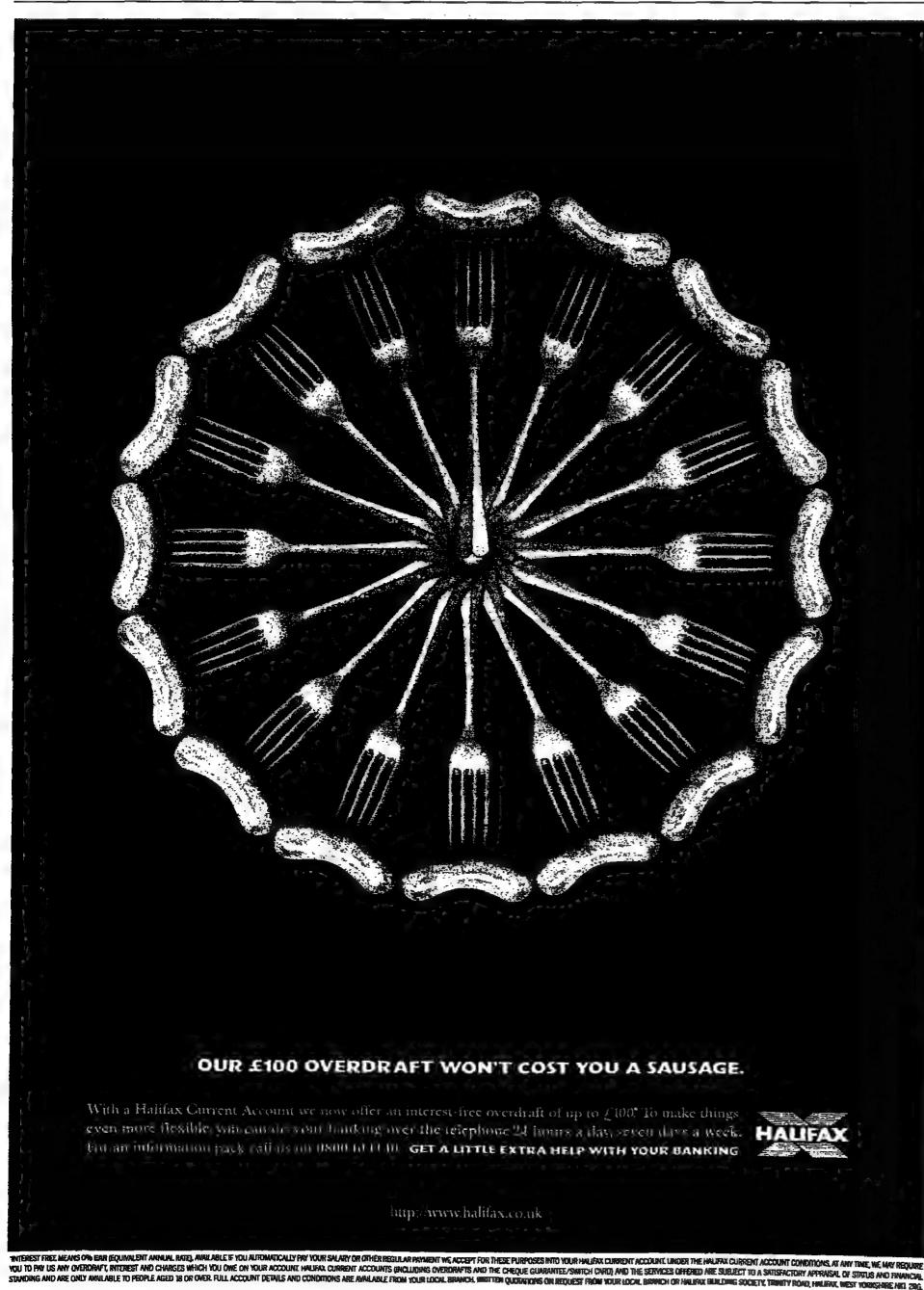
Mannheim: A German court ruled that Peter Graf, 58, the father of the tennis star Steffi Graf, must stay in jail while he is tried for tax evasion, over-turning a ruling that would have allowed him to be freed on bail of £1,280,000. The High Court in Karlsruhe said there was still a danger that Mr Graf, 58, and the family tax adviser, Joachim Eckardt, might flee. (Reuter)

New Okinawa rape charge

Tokyo: Weeks after Okinaagainst the huge US military presence, an American sol-dier. Staff Sergeant Michael Owens, is under investigation for allegedly raping a Japa-nese woman, officials at Kadena Air Base said. A preliminary hearing is to be held on Friday. (AP)

Green-light area

Taipei: Taiwan police said they had cut off water and power from 188 sex parlours here in the past week, forcing them to close, and promised to close the remaining 103 by the



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Rodionov: admired

Nato anxious to learn strategy of Lebed-backed defence chief

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By MICHAEL EVANS DÉFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO defence ministers get their first chance today to appraise General Igor Rodionov, their Russian counterpart appointed after the sacking of Pavel Grachev in July. The general, 59, with a reputation as a conservative and strictly military defence minister, will be at an informal meeting of alliance defence ministers at Bergen in Norway.

The meeting's timing is fortuitous because of the serious doubts

emerging about the ailing President Yeltsin's ability to continue as Russian leader. General Rodionov is a close ally of General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief. who is seen as a possible successor to Mr Yeltsin.

Although General Rodionov is not a political animal, his appointment as Defence Minister was engineered largely by General Lebed and the two share views about the need for military reforms and more discipline both in the armed forces and in Russia itself. Nato's defence ministers will

learn today whether General Rodionov also shares General Lebed's hawkish stance against the alliance's plans to expand its membership to include countries from the former Warsaw Pact. In an interview in The Daily Telegraph yesterday, General Lebed said Moscow would hit back at German and American industrial interests in Russia if the expansion plans went ahead. He even suggested Germany was trying to build a new

empire in the East. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, said last week that the stationing of Nato troops and weapons closer to Russia's borders would be unacceptable.

General Rodionov comes to Bergen with an uncompromising past. In April 1968 he was commander when Russian troops used poison gas and sharpened spades against unarmed Georgian demonstrators in Tbilisi. Twenty people died. He headed the General Staff's

prestigious academy before taking over from General Grachev and is widely respected in the army. General Lebed has described him as a elite general who combines practical and theoretical skills".

Tomorrow General Rodionov is expected to sign an agreement with America and Norway dealing jointly with nuclear and other waste stored or dumped in the Arctic by the former Soviet Union.

Norway has been pressing for an agreement in an effort to get international action over radio tive waste around Russia's Kola peninsula, the main base for its nuclear submarine force.

The Kola bases now represent an environmental rather than a military threat, and cleaning up radioactive pollution there has become a key issue in Norwegian foreign policy.

The agreement will also deal with the dumping at sea of whole nuclear reactors during the Communist era.

☐ Moscow: General Lebed yesterday denied that he had given the interview to The Daily Telegraph in which he was said to have attacked Germany and America (Richard Beeston writes). Yesterday, however, the newspaper stood

Yeltsin's hospital no fit shelter for the squeamish

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin would be well advised to keep his eyes firmly shut as he approaches the sprawling and dilapidated hospital outside Moscow where he is due to undergo multiple bypass

surgery.
Although the Cardiology Research Centre is usually described as "elite" by those who have never been there, one recent visitor remarked, only half in jest, that its appearance could be enough

to give you a heart attack. Yesterday, for instance, even the bright autumnal sunshine could not lift the gioomy atmosphere at the huge complex, built as a monument to Soviet medical achievement but now epitomising the neglected state of Russia's health care.

Like some prehistoric beast dying on its feet and shedding limbs on the way, some of the hospital's far-flung buildings have been abandoned by staff and left to the elements. Outside the hospital, stray dogs scavenge for food, abandoned cars lie rusting near the car park, and wild vegetation has colonised whole areas of the grounds, including the

Inside, the scene is little better. Long, draughty corridors are unheated and dimly lit, while staff seem mainly engaged in smoking digarettes

and chatting. Russia's medical authorities insist that the hospital is

staffed by world-class physicians offering an effective, nofrills service on a par with the West. Certainly the gleaming operating theatre, where chief surgeon Renat Akchurin is scheduled to conduct the openheart operation on President Yeltsin, appears to an untrained eye to have the latest

European equipment. Dr Akchurin, who trained in America with the pioneering heart surgeon Michael DeBakey, carries out about 150 bypass operations a year with a 98 per cent success rate, similar to that found in the West. Among his more famous patients were Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Oleg Lobov, the former National Security Adviser, who were instrumental

persuading President Yeltsin to have surgery.
In spite of the impressive

Russia's oldest book stolen Moscow: Russia's oldest

printed book, which dates back more than four centuries, has been stolen, as have 50 other precious volumes from the state historical library here, Tass said yesterday. Apostle, an illustrated religious work, was

statistics, doctors at the hospital say privately that the Russian leader, or anyone else who can afford it, should go abroad. Russia's health care system has virtually collapsed since the end of Communism. and the life expectancy of men is now 57, a fall of six years since 1991.

Aside from basic problems such as poor surroundings and questionable hygiene, the Russians simply lack the breadth of experience of other nations. When it comes to heart bypass surgery, for instance, 3,000 operations were performed in the country last ar compared with about half a million in America.

When Sergei Kovalyev, the leading human rights campaigner, decided to have the same operation as President Yeltsin, he was advised by the same Kremlin doctors to go abroad, an option not available to the Russian leader because of national pride.

Part of the problem is low morale. Senior physicians earn on average about £100 a month and are forced to supplement their income through private practice. Many of the most talented doctors simply emigrate.

The situation is so bad that two reporters being taken on a guided tour of the facility this month had their purses stolen the first book printed on in the very changing room the country's first press, owned by Ivan Fyodorov, fore operating on the Russian



Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, gives President Yeltsin flowers during their meeting at the Central Clinical Hospital yesterday

Doctors will tell Yeltsin their surgery verdict today

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL MOSCOOK VI

BORIS YELTSIN'S doctors meet today to tell the Russian

President if and when he should have heart surgery. The doctors will meet in the Central Clinical Hospital, the old Politburo clinic, where Mr Yeltsin is having treatment, to consult with him directly

The American heart surgeon Michael DeBakey, 88, will be present to give his "second opinion" on the need for an

No time has been set for any more questions than enswers on the subject. Sergei Yastrzhemosky. Mr. Velisin's press secretary, refused to comment yesterday on the possibility that the operation might have

to be cancelled altogether. saying: "I am not a doctor." He also advised reporters "not to hurry" with the hypothesis that the President might have to resign on health grounds. Mir Yastrzhembsky denied a

report that Mr Yeltsin was able to work only 15 minutes a day He said that the President had met Viktor Chernomyrd-in, the Prime Minister, for "more than 30 minutes", his

third such meeting in eight days. He worked every day for between half an hour and two and a half hours and worked through a "swollen file" of between 20 and 70 documents.

Moscow is full of rumours that the President's condition. is worse than is being admitted in public and that he has complications with his liver and kidneys. That appears to

tentatively scheduled for November, not the end of this month as first planned.

Hans Borst, a German heart surgeon attending a conference on cardiovascular surgery which opened in Moscow terday, even suggested that if "additional complications" cropped up Mr Yeltsin might

Gainsbourg the exhibitionist to star in his daughter's museum

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE demure French actress Charlotte Gainsbourg, who stars in the latest version of Jane Eyre released this week, is planning to open a Paris museum in memory of her late father, Serge, the dissolute

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Miss Gainsbourg, 25, whose mother is Jane Birkin, the English actress, recently bought the house on the Left Bank where her father died in 1991 after a life dedicated to alcohol, cigarettes, music, women and scandalising his straight-laced compatriots. The wall in front of the building on the Rue Verneuil in the Latin Quarter is fes-

tooned with graffiti left by the singer's fans, and Miss Gainsbourg now intends to turn it into a shrine to her father's music and peculiar brand of public misbehaviour. Preparing for the opening of Franco Zeffirelli's new film on Friday, Miss Gainsbourg emphasised that her own temperament is closer to that of

Jane Eyre than Jane Birkin.

them, but I'm still proud of my

upbringing," Miss Gains-

I'm very different from

bourg said. "I went to my first Miss Gainsbourg said. Exhibnightclub at the age of two. My parents belonged to

another era." The house where Gainsbourg and Miss Birkin threw their legendary parties cannot hold more than 100 people at a time, and entry to the future Serge Gainbourg museum is likely to be by appointment,

its are expected to include her father's trademark pinstripe suits and tennis shoes, as well as the remnants of his wine cellar and his extensive collection of ashtrays.

Gainsbourg was seldom sober and never seen without a Gauloise stuck to his lip, characteristics which led to



Serge Gainsbourg with his actress daughter Charlotte

several heart attacks, a liver progration and his death at the age of 62. in 1969 Gainsbourg and Miss Birkin gained massive fame and condemnation with Je TAime (Moi Non Plus), a pseudo-coital heavybreathing exercise, set to a was attacked by the Vatican, banned by the BBC and immediately shot to number

one in the British charts. Although now cast in a more staid role, when Charlotte Gainsbourg was 12 she collaborated with her father on another throaty and dubious duet entitled Lemon Zest. a oun on the word incest, and then a film directly adressing that subject, Charlotte Forever, in which she and her father

end up in bed together.

"It was big scandal at the time, but I didn't care what people thought," Miss Gainsbourg said.

Her life is far different from that of her father. She assiduously steers clear of scandal and lives a quiet life in the Paris flat off the Champs Elysées she shares with Yvan Attal, her actor boyfriend.

Former French minister 'plotted to kill writer'

BY BEN MACINTYRE

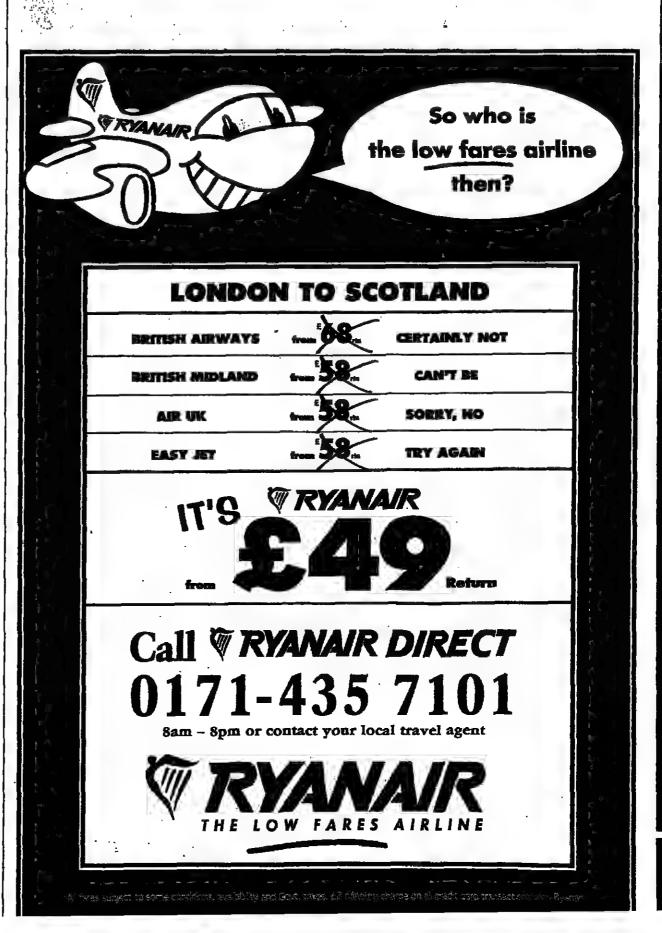
A FRENCH writer said yesterday that Roland Dumas, the former Socialist minister who is now president of the Constitutional Council, plotted to have him killed in 1984 because he knew too much about the late President Mitterrand's administration.

"I accuse Roland Dumas of having wanted to kill me," Jean-Edern Hallier said at a press conference yesterday to launch a book containing the allegations. It is called Les Puissances du Mai (The Powers of Evil).

A lawyer acting for M Dumas said that the former Foreign Affairs Minister would not respond directly to the accusations. "M Hallier is

M Hallier has offered no evidence of the alleged plot to kill him, but said yesterday: "I have proof." The flamboyant writer has waged a long and bitter battle against Mitterrand, once a close friend, dating back to 1982 when he wrote a book, L'Honneur Perdu de François Mitterrand (The Lost Honour of François Mitterrand), revealing the existence of Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter and his wartime role as an official of the collaborationist Vichy Gov-

That book was rejected by 17 publishers and M Hallier says that his telephone and those of his friends were





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The return of the English dandy

ichard E. Grant may have made his name in the archetypal scruffs' film, Withnail and I, but to Mulberry he represents "English style with a bohemian twist".

The traditional British design company has chosen him, along with Bob Geldof, another sometime scruff, to star in their latest advertising campaign. Both Grant and Geldof appear as latter-day Beau Brummells, modelling the new Guinea Collection, a range of made-to-measure suits.

But this is bespoke tailoring with an edge. There are 65 cloths to choose from, including plaids and velvets. Flamboyant colours can be used for the linings. Quirky details can be added such as button flies, ticket pockets, pleats, structured lapels and workable button cuffs.

Mulberry is not striking out alone. Dandyism is back for men. and with it made-to-measure tailoring. Even Marks & Spencer, spiritual home of the off-the-peg suit, has introduced a made-to-measure service at a City of London branch.

This revival has been given a huge boost by the film industry. Tom Cruise wore suits by Timothy Everest, a new wave London tailor, in Mission Impossible. Afterwards he ordered several for himself. Now Grant is filming a British movie, Food For Love, and has had three Mulberry suits made for it.

Of course, we expect careful styling on the film set. But can 'real" men afford to be seen trying too hard with their wardrobes? After all, what we're talking about here is narcissism with a capital N: long fitting sessions, almost obsessive attention to detail, and plenty of looking in the mirror.

n the other hand, there's something rather special about clothes that fit and don't come apart at the cleaners'. Eight measurements are taken - natural waist, halfback, waist, sleeve length, height, chest, jacket length and seat.

The clothes are not handstitched, but features associated with bespoke tailoring have been incorporated. There is an extended front canvas area, blindstitched on to the cloth to create a lapel roll. The jacket also brings the shoulders forward.

engineering feat, and is not for those who like instant gratification. After the initial fitting, the suit will take eight weeks. The cost will be anything from £695 to £950.

If this sounds steep, then bear in mind that Beau Brummell, the most famously elegant English-man, was driven to France by debt. ● The Guinea Collection is available from Mulberry, 41-12 New Bond St, London. Tel 0171-491 3900.

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Where have all the dangly earrings gone?

big pair of earrings - the sort that sink in an emergency?

The chances are that it was a long time ago. In fact, it's probably quite a while since you noticed anything in fashion magazines that was larger than a small diamond stud.

Over the past year earrings have all but vanished. Even in Hello!, once the spiritual home of large ruby clusters, you'd be hard pressed to find a really dangly pair. Kate Moss, Naomi Camp-bell, Julia Carling, and glitty Tamara Beckwith, all favour bare ears, or discreet diamond studs.

"It's all to do with minimalism and a reaction against the Eightsays Vivienne Becker, jewellery editor of Harpers & Queen. "It's also part of the Seventies revival when jewellery

became very simple.' The trend suits British women, particularly those who spend their days in business clothes, because



with chandeliers hanging from our ears. "But earrings are getting bigger again," says Ms Becker.

One reason for this is that flash is back. Designers are becoming excited about gold — gold chain-mail dresses, gold sig-net rings at Gueci, gold

Until now, ears have escaped the Midas touch, but already there are signs of change. Demi Moore, until now a devotee of tiny studs, has been seen out in a pair of Elsa Peretti mesh earrings from Tiffany & Co. This month's Vogue trumpets contours of simple

jewellery", and features gold drop earrings from Cobra & Bellamy. So why did they disappear in the first place? Minimalism and androgyny were the key trends that shrank them. After all, whoever saw Annie Lennox in a pair of

Naomi Campbell favours tiny earrings: Demi Moore doesn't Caroline Charles is one of the designers who has been steering women away from large earrings. "As clothes became increasingly streamlined, it became evident that

earrings should reduce to small studs at most to keep the balance," she ex-Flash is plains. Both Tom Ford at Gucci and Karl Lagerfeld at Chanei back with have turned their moda revival of els into virtual pinheads. Anything more than a stud carring has Seventies to be chosen with extreme care. style

But change is in the air. Theo Fennell, who standards is associated with larger jewellery, is enthusi-

huge swing back to big jewellery with all the baroque clothes, the velvet and the rich fabrics," he says. "Women can wear much bigger earrings than they ever believe they can," he adds darkly.

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A Ferrari in the bath

got in the bath with my Ferrari this morning. And as I lay there, I leafed through the PR bumf that had come with it.

'Its invincible grandeur is due to its bright red colour and to the proud cavailino standing out on the bonnet. . . its forelegs stretched out towards the sky, the hind ones well anchored to the ground as if dream and realism could live

together." Poetry for the common man, indeed. For Ferrari have shifted down a gear and skidded nervily on to the uncertain road of personal grooming. As I lathered myself with their pink, jam-like, shower gel - standing

flakey-walled bathroom, hunched to avoid banging my head on the sloping roof, getting tangled in the underwear

wardens of St John's Wood. Sweet as the viscous gick inside a cherry liqueur chocolate, it was a far cry

from the musky tones of my preferred tommy by Tommy Hilliger. (Bill Clinton's fave, don't you know, rather than the shabby aspiration of every downtrodden

The real shocker was the eau de toilette. The bright aluminium cap reveals a close link with the

of an unastonishing pong (aftershave £19.50, deodorant £10, bagel-salesman.) shower gel ElO - exclusive at, have a guess, yup, Harrods). The packaging, shiny crimson with famous racing car world," claims Ferrari.

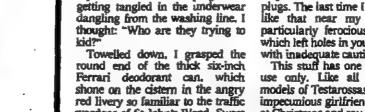
logo, is aspirational. At least, it thinks it is. What it is. in truth, is miserably defeatist. For no Ferrari driver would ever wear this stuff. It bespeaks the paconsumer thetic

dream of the man doomed to judder at the lights in his A-reg Austin Maestro, while inhaling the exhaust numes of the disa pearing Ferrari, and

smelling, they claim, like a "universal personality".

It is supposed to be all things to all men; in reality, it is nothing to anybody, and an unwelcome distraction to a declining racing team. Muse on the fact that despite having, in Michael Schumacher, the best driver in the world, Ferrari has as much chance of winning the Formula One championship this season as Giorgio Armani.

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particularly ferocious acne lotion which left holes in your face if used with inadequate caution. This stuff has one use, and one

use only. Like all those dinky models of Testarossas, it is for the impecunious girlfriend to wrap up at Christmas and say, as she hands it to her Loaded-reading, soapdodging boyfriend, "I know how

A little band of metal that says everything

SHORT of retreating to the Amish community for the past two years, it has been impossible to avoid the influence of Gucci. Tom Ford, its

created a culture "must-haves" and style wannabees have been joining waiting lists to secure his white bootcut trousers, slim-fitting shirts, and black pony-skin ankie-strap shoes. But even with these items, a crucial elemen

of "the look" is still missing: the gold signet ring worn on

wore the ring. Among the cognoscenti, the ring is the

Fenwicks's gilt ring the little linger.

At Gucci catwalk shows, both male and female models

dernier cri in androgynous chic. Slightly feminine for men, slightly butch for women, this little band of metal says everything there is to say about gender ambigu-

news is that at £60, it's one of the cheaper items in the Gucci collection. Even so, if you

have bought the rest of the look then the credit card company may be sending

the bailiffs round to pick up your other worldly possessions. If a little economy is needed, there is an alternative. Fenwicks, rather similar gilt squish swirl ring for half the price — £28.95 (0171-629 9161).



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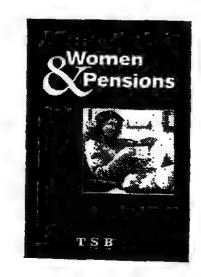
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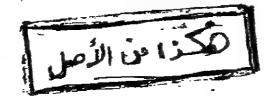


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Don't be fooled by family values

A murder within one of the great political dynasties may be terrible - but it is not so very different from the kind of row we all know too well

Dity poor Benazir Bhutto that she is Pakistani. I say that not in a spirit of political incorrectness, for in the greater scheme of things being Pakistani is no lesser an estate than any other, but in one of rank ethnocentricity: in the West that country's vilest events make only Page 17 or so of the papers; some papers yesterday didn't even get round to reporting the murder of her brother and rival Murtaza. In the story of his death and in the rumours which

are, apparently, flying round Karachi, are resonances of some of the great political deaths, with dynastic echoes which stretch back centuries. There are the Caesars - Murtaza surely understood the reference when he described his sister as "a viper in the bosom" - and the fratricidul Borgias and the politicalself-destructive Kennedys.

Change geography and gender and Benazir's husband is transformed into a Hillary Clinton, perceived by a weary electorate as scheming, corrupt and

But that is the problem with political dynasties: the grand term stops you seeing them as families, stops you interpreting the killing and the plotting as ordinary familial events. Well, perhaps not so ordinary, but fuelled by the same ordinary family motivations.

To be honest, the goingson chez Bhutto do say more about political life in that neck of the woods rather than familial life globally. but there is still a sense in which the feuds, schisms and altercations of the great dynasties are not so very different from the rows and intermittent non-speaks of less illustrious families. the ramifications might be greater with the Bhuttos and the Borgias is undoubtedly true, but a

Disharmony in the home is a human constant — as. indeed, the Scriptures show - but every generation tends to put a new spin on the oldest story. The modern sensibility tends towards inverted snobbery and this explains our hunger for stories that prove that the more illustrious the family.

the more dysfunctional. We seek corroboration for this in the behaviour of our home-grown princes and princesses and in the ersatz royalty - the Kennedys, the

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Bhuttos, the Gandhis - of other countries, Contemporary wisdom holds that the ordinary is superior to the elite and we need to feel that the better-off behave less

But there's more to it than that. We do seem genuinely to regard the sporadic vi-ciousness of the family unit as strange, unnatural even, The great dynasties show the strength of family bonds: they represent the family as a force to be reckoned with. These days. when our own sense of society and family is fragmenting, we see this only as



Nigella Lawson

a force for good. When every political party is waxing lyrical and hypocritical about home, hearth and socalled family values, it has become the norm for all of us to get a little sentimental about what those family values are.

s long as it has become a modern truism — as it has — that polite society has been eroded by one-parent families, gay rights activists and divorce, the notion that real, old-style families were full rang p thank you, were full of people who even liked one another, becomes more

entrenched. No politician stands a chance unless he or she professes to "believe in the family". But this is meaningless. Believing in the family is like believing in trees rather than believing in God. It's how human beings naturally group themselves, how we procreale and survive.

What is more, any rival model to the family inevitably ends up by apeing its

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worst characteristics. The clichés are correct on this one: blood is thicker than water. But the corollary to this is not all wonderful. The closer we feel to people, the more easily incensed by them we can be. The strength of the family can be extraordinarily powerful, but extraordinarily destruc-

I tend to appreciate a little more the traditional model of the family than once I used to (having children does tend to do that) but that should not mean that I thereby pledge myself to an idealised picture of the fam-ily as a morally positive place in which only sweetness and light reside.

If we're honest, we all know that the family gives rise to as many murderous thoughts as tender ones. The peculiar strength of the family in fact resides in just that. It is a dynamic entity, not a notional haven for those going down with a bad case of nostalgia.

Every belligerent thought we have in the office, every aggressive impulse in the car or the supermarket or the boardroom, stems from the family and our experi-ence of it. This Isn't a bad thing or a good one: it just is. The more sociable aspects of our nature emanate no less from the same source. We may not be defined for all time by our own early experiences, but we are certainly shaped by them. And in some sense we never escape the nursery.

But none of this accords with the quite extraordinary sentimentalisation of the family that now exists. People bemoan the demise of the great extended family even if they never get round to visiting the one aunt they may have left. It's quite understandable of course: the idea of family can be so very heartening, and the reality so very gruelling. Also, if you like to think of families as being full of must be peculiarly galling to have to consider one's own.

All ages have their own political buzzwords. The ancients cited "justice", more recently we clung to "democracy": now we peddle endlessly the currency of "the family". Even those who should know better seem to believe that if the family is got right, all will come good. But the dysfunctional family is not some new-fangled modern abberration but merely a misnomer: it is how it's always worked; how, indeed, it functions.

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Farnborough is a kind of giant car boot sale of the air. except that the clientele is different Large, fleshy men in serious suits and dark glasses. with mobile phones permanently clamped to their heads. jostic for space with glossy ladies wearing uncompromisiautstyles. Every now and then the crowd parts as a stretch limo with tinted windows hisses through, bearing a person in the back who is equipping his desert kingdom

with a squadron of Tornados. I was tempted by the Eurofighter, which took off with such a roar that I was almost startled into bidding for it. There was much talk about the new Boeing 777. But really I had eyes for one machine only. I made my way purposefully towards the Learjet 60, the last word in business jets. They had put a red carpet alongside it, with chairs, and a table on which to write your cheque . . . but I am

like that. Not, that is, unless you can afford £7 million upfront and the £500,000 or so a year it will cost you to service, fuel, and have your pilot on permanent standby. Don't worry, there are cheaper ways of doing it, and we'll

ut the process of buying your personal aircraft is, of necessity, an unhurried one. It had begun for me several months earlier when I spotted an advertisement in The Economist which simply said "How to save money on your long-distance calls". Above it was depicted a Learjet 60. Below it was a telephone number - in Geneva, of

course. I dialled. Trevor Lambarth, Learjet's engaging sales director, was cordial but cautious. As I explained my position, he wondered, in the most diplomatic manner possible. whether I actually needed one of his aircraft. Had I checked out the number of man-miles covered by my business what is known in the trade as my "total travel requirement"? Was I quite certain that scheduled flights were not a viable alternative (I shuddered); and could I, he inquired in the nicest possible way, actually afford one? I pointed out with some asperity that I was a thriving communications business in a rapidly expanding sector with a total travel requirement second to none.

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Does anybody really need a personal aircraft? Magnus Linklater reports back from cloud nine

Mr Lambarth pointed out out that I might care to consider various options, such as chartering a jet for occasional journeys at about £1,500 an hour, sharing it with another company, buying a second-hand one, or even

going for a smaller model. He gave me some figures which suggested that the more business trips I took, the more a business aircraft made financial sense. "A company aircraft." he informed me, "is not an extravagance, but a valuable business tool which pays for itself."

I thought that, in my case at least, extravagance was a more persuasive reason than just acquiring a "business tool", but pressed on nevertheless: I wanted the full package - what, I asked, was the point is it wasn't private? I was, I must admit, daunted to note that if I wanted to buy it on the never-never (£1.3 million down and £650,000 a month for seven years), I would have to furnish intimate details of my tax situation and three years of audited accounts. I decided to bluff it out. "Where can I have a test-drive?" i asked. "Famborough."

nd so I found myself on the red carper. where I was intro-Agostino from Learjet's home

base of Wichita, Kansas, a true enthusiast if ever there was one, and a heck of salesman ("We'll get through this as fast as crap through a goose," he said). He sat me beside him in the cockpit and talked me through the Full Electronic Digital Control, which means. so far as I could tell, that it can features, which mean it can climb to 31,000ft at 2,000ft a

minute on just one engine; and

the flight management system "with approach capability", which means you are told immediately where the nearest airfield is in case of an emergency (the "heart attack routine," as Bob put it). I nodded wisely through all

this, but what I really needed to know was: how easy it was to get to the drinks cabinet. and whether the loo was finished in walnut veneer? (Answer: all 100 easy, and Yes). "In the end," said Bob, "it's often the lavatory that decides it. I spent three hours with a guy from Kansas talking safety and fuel consumption, and his wife walks into the john. sits down, and comes out two minutes later, saying We'll

I saw her point, but first I had to apply the Alan Clark down three conditions for a private jet: it must have room. it must have range and it must

that it should have a couple of marble bathrooms and a backgarmmon room, but I decided that was just an ex-minister's jeu d'espriL

I stood upright in the cabin (just), walked up and down. lounged about on the leathercovered armchairs, had a relaxed sit in the loo, helped myself to a pretzel, flicked the video switch and murmured instructions to my pilot to roll forward and prepare for take-

Then, and only then, did I abandon the dream, to Boh's obvious disappointment. I reasoned that if even Diana. Princess of Wales, with her £15 million pay-off is wondering whether she can afford one. and if even Tina Brown is still having to slum it on Concorde. then Linklater Communications Inc might just find the Leariet a plane too far.

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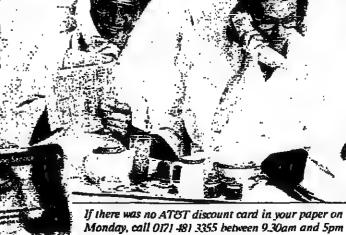
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■ Breakfast at Hillary's: let me be your fly on the marmalade

T tis a big day when a cliché is rewritten. It means not only that an apparently fundamental truth has been freshly perceived, but also that the world which had hitherto held that truth to be self-evident has itself been forever altered. That is why Tuesday was a very big day indeed. Up until Tuesday, we were all content to define courage as grace under pressure. Hence-forth, we must all define it as Hillary under pressure. Because on Tuesday, Mrs Clinton had 125 people to breakfast.

I was not, of course, present: I am neither a top catwalk queen nor a reflexologist of the first water, my name is not a household word where international toiletries barons or bullion buffs forgather, the only newspapers I own are stored against the cat's incontinence, and I have borne the Prince of Wales no heirs. But an imagination requires no embossed stiffie to flash at Marine Corps bouncers, an imagination can get in any-where. That is why mine now yields to none in its boundless admiration for the First Lady's social bottle. For while dinner for 125 may be an elegant delight and luncheon for 125 a rollicking gas, what can breakfast for 125 be but an absolute nightmare? We all know breakfast.

It is the enormous East Scullery of the White House, and the world's leading newly woken are shuffling in, struggling to focus gummy eyes upon their placements before slumping at a dozen Formica-topped tables. each with a leg worky enough to ensure the spillage of any crockery placed upon it. Many of these dawn invitees are yawning. some are scratching, several are coughing or bugling their noses into wrinkled hankies, a few are examining sleep-crust between thumb and forelinger, one or two are attempting to remove from their footwear the tragments of dogfood that the Clinton pets have scattered about the linoleum, and the rest are staring blearily at the newspa-pers propped against their ketchup bottles.

There is precious little conversation: from time to time, an extract of this news story or that is read out ineptly through a mouthful of Coco Pops, or a senior senator exchanges the previous night's prostate anecdotes with the ancient banker beside him, or a bestselling moral philosooher begins to describe to the major fashion editor opposite this funny dream he had where be was standing in a bucket and holding a hedgehog but loses the plot when she asks him if he can see any organic marmalade anywhere, or a distinguished Emeritus Professor of Aromatherapy passes his boiled egg across to a jolie laide Oscar nominee to ask if it smells funny to her, or a billionaire civil-rights lawyer launches into a long explanation about his shirtsleeve being wet as the result of his cufflink having rolled under the bidet, to say nothing of his having banged his head on the washbasin when he stood up, which accounts for the Band-Aid on his ear, does anyone else have those days when you know you should have stayed in bed, ha-ha, or a Supreme Court justice launches into an insensate outburst concerning the fact that he has just spent 20 minutes assembling the plastic Smurf that fell out of his cereal packet only to find that its left leg is missing - but do not look, at 7.30am, for the authoritative gossip, the unique insight, the brilliant aperçu, the immemorial epigram, the uproarious joke that could accompany 125 lunchtime crayfish or 125 evening grouse. for breakfast brains are never in shape to marshal such compexities, even if breakfast tongues were not too furry to articulate them. It is all they can do, when their minions gallop round to the White House with their mail, to cry "Will you look at this bloody phone bill!" or "Who do we know in Pangbourne? or instigate a really interesting debate on the proposition that it is about time something was done about all this junk mail.

But, on say, notwithstanding the total unpropitiousness of the hour, what else can you see by the dawn's early light? Yes, of course, flitting with relentless charm between the tables, greeting here, chatting there, the new sun winking alike on the matchless orthodontics of the world's most ambitious smile and the brass neck required to keep it smiling, it is the woman who could have us all for breakfast.



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Two years ago, the Government announced that the crime wave was receding. Villains were in jail and statisticians were on the run. A 25 per cent rise in the prison population had done the trick. Then yesterday, something went wrong. With ministers still cheering on the breakwater, the wave came back and swamped them. "Crime up by I per cent," cried the radio, "unwelcome news for the Home Secretary." Or was it?

Yesterday saw the publication of not one set of crime figures but two. The first, the police figures, tell of crimes reported to local police stations. The other, the British Crime Survey (BCS), records the public's experience of crime and is more extensive and reliable. It suggests four times more crimes are committed than the police ever hear about, although nobody quite knows how the one figure relates to the other.

Two years ago, the police figures were down and the BCS figures up. The BCS was firmly suppressed by the Home Office, which proclaimed an "unprecedented fall in crime". Some at the time felt that this was reckless on Michael Howard's part. This year, the statisticians have got their acts together. Both totals are slightly up. What is going on?

First we must incant the twice-yearly ritual: the police figures are rubbish. They claim that 5,123,600 "crimes" were committed in England and Wales in the year to June. It remains a source of wonder to me that adults with good degrees keep doling out this nonsense. Is there no mathematician's Hippocratic Oath? The total lumps together crimes as awful as the Dunblane massacre and a stolen bicycle chain, the Manchester car bomb and a broken garage window. The crime total is the stupidest most deceptive, yet most compelling statistic in the public sector. It is a reduction to absurdity of government standardi-sation. If local police want to tell citizens about their crime rates, with explanation and caveat, let them. A national figure so variable in its collection is meaningless. Yet politicians and journalists fall prostrate before it. They see a

Misleading Home Office figures are tough on the truth about crime, and a figleaf for the politics of retribution

crime rate as a statistic and statistics must be true.

This one is a lie. With half of all Britons confessing to some sort of crime before the age of 25, and half also admitting to drug-taking, how much "crime" comes to the attention of the police is a function of policy and annual budgets. It is not a function of criminality. When sex crime in North Wales fell two years ago by 43 per cent, it did not record some hormonal shift along the Clwyd littoral, merely the police leaving the rent boys alone in Rhyl.

Crime is an ever-changing thing. The London police previously regarded a keep criminalising more human behav-

tool lost from a potting shed like a purse left on the bus, as unrecorded carelessness. Now garden sheds are "burgled" and London burglaries have risen by 9,000. This is a definitional crime wave. Again, reported sex crime "rises" where a local police

station is sympathetic to victims of domestic violence and falls where it is not. Government requests for action on domestic burglary have equally bizarre results for police recording practice. Burglary fell last year by 4 per cent. while "criminal damage" rose by 5 per cent. Ask a chief constable about this and he winks.

Police-recorded crime was decelerating throughout the first half the decade. There are as many theories behind this fall as there are statisticians. Insurance policies were tougher, car and house protection were improving, villains were switching from (recorded) theft to (unrecorded) drug-dealing, where the profits were bigger. The figures may also have benefited from the lower prison population in the late 1980s, with fewer graduates-in-crime being released onto

the streets. The Home Secretary was warned by his officials in 1994 that if he relied on the dodgy police figures he risked them probably turning up again, uncomfortably close to an election. He would have been wise to change horses and espouse the more reputable British Crime Survey. But the BCS lacked appeal at the time. It denied that there was a crime wave in the 1980s and denied there was a crime collapse in the early 1990s. While the police were shouting that property crime was falling fast, the BCS said no. it was just not being reported to the police. The BCS has long shown crime in England and Wales to be rising slowly, perhaps because we have more to steal, perhaps because we are less tolerant of misdemeanour, perhaps because we

> iour. This is politically Yet yesterday, while the ungrateful police were smacking Mr Howard with their wet fish, the BCS showed how virtue might have been rewarded. It showed an unprece-dented slackening in

the "true" crime rate:

"the smallest ever increase recorded by the BCS". Had Mr Howard his wits about him and not boasted about the police figures for two years, he would yesterday have had the best crime figures story in Home Office history. Crime in Britain has, over the past two years, risen by less than ever before. Not just that, the fear of crime has actually diminished. This is a real achievement for community policing. I hear no Tory cheers from the rooftons.

One of the delights of social science is that nobody really knows what is happening to crime. I sense that the BCS records perceptions as much as experiences, but it does record something deep in the communal psyche. Property crime does seem to slacken during boom and rise during recession. The impact of the expanding drugs industry is impondera-ble. The criminalisation of drugs widely consumed by blacks enables the police to turn on the "recorded crime" and "clearup" taps at will. I imagine half the teenagers out next Saturday night could

be arrested and incarcerated for a crime if anyone wanted to boost the crime figures - and enrage half the parents to boot. The most alarming BCS figures concern violence. But of these almost half involve alcohol and only 16 per cent drugs. With companies now advertising alcoholic "pop" with drunks on the labels, small wonder drunken violence is rising and youths are cynical about adult double standards.

Each theory on the crime figures implies a different remedy. Decriminalising drugs might send the crime rate plummeting but not the consumption rate. In New York a lenient policy towards off-street drug offences has led to a fall in on-street pushing and on-street crime, and to a wide public perception that crime overall is falling. New York's experiment in "zero tolerance policing" appears to be working. By sweeping away petty signs of public disorder, graffiti, begging, peddling, loitering or public prostitution, the New York police have "recaptured the streets. Reported crime has fallen by over 50 per cent in some areas and the police's reputation has soared, so much so that the Mayor has sacked the police chief for courting popularity.

ritain is about to imitate a different American experiment, that of mass incarceration based on mandatory sentencing. This is the Californian model. In California it has broken the bank. The prison population was trebled in the 1980s and the state is having to spend \$3 billion a year on the highest-paid warders, the most lavish staffing ratios and the most violent prisons in America. Yet in a celebrated survey, California's violence rate was shown to be identical to that of Texas, whose prison population rose by just 17 per cent. California's three-strikes policy is on the point of collapse. The public feels no safer. More prisons may be a rubber dummy to an insecure government. They are ronen policy. The British Treasury must be

mad to authorise them. To me, the message of yesterday's figures is that more prisons make no sense. The rate of increase in crime appears to have begun slackening off since 1993. There is no reason for hysteria or hyperbole. Public fear is falling. The policies that preceded these figures appear at the very least not to have made crime worse. I call that good

The IRA reaps the whirlwind

Terrorist options

are narrowing, says

Michael Evans

The IRA has had one of its worst setbacks for years. Every move by the terrorist organisation in the past two months has been pre-empted by the authorities. Accurate intelligence and unprecedented co-operation between the police and M15 are paying off. It would be tempting to suggest that the Provisional IRA is about to meet the fate of other terrorist organisations, such as the Italian Red Brigades or Germany's Baader Meinhof, whose two decades of anarchic violence was brought to an end with multiple arrests and shoot-outs in the late 1980s. However, apart from the commitment to violence, there are few other common denominators between the IRA and these past terrorist groups operating in Europe. Once they had gone, either killed or imprisoned, their cause died with them.

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The IRA, however, like the Basque Eta group, has deeply embedded roots and cannot be eliminated even by the most sophisticated military and intelligence machine, despite pronouncements that the war against the terrorists could be won. There have always been new

recruits to fill the vacant places. Nevertheless, the recent successes by the security authorities will force the Provisional IRA's so-called army council to review what appear to be limited options. The seven godfathers on the decision-making council have to face the fact that the security authorities appear at present to be one step ahead of them.

They have, perhaps, three options: to lie low, avoiding further arrests and eliminating whatever security lapses there may be in their normally tight cell structure to push ahead with another bombing operation on the mainland to prove they have not been put out of business; or to return to attacks in Northern Ireland.

Those in the IRA who were always sceptical of Gerry Adams's peace strategy and signed up to it only to avoid a damaging split in the hierarchy will undoubtedly be pressing for further violence, whether on the mainland or in the Province. The quartermasters, the key figures in charge of the explosives dumps and Kalashnikovs, still have an abundance of bomb-making material. The only questions are: who to deploy and what are the risks of capture?

The IRA has already lost a number of its most experienced activists this year. They can be replaced but fresh recruits need training, and with the risk of capture now so high there will be a strong element of doubt in the minds of those who are volunteered for the next attack. Unlike the fanatical Islamic terrorist organisations, the IRA has never shown any inclination towards suicide missions.

For an organisation that has only 300-400 frontline activists, the loss of up to 30 IRA members so far this year, either killed, arrested or compromised and on the run, will have had a devastating impact on both its infrastructure and its

confidence. Whether or not the security authorities have succeeded in nurturing highly placed moles inside the IRA camp, the series of arrests after precision surveillance operations indicate that intelligence-gathering by the Royal Ulster Constabulary Special Branch, MI5, the Metropolitan Police and the plethora of other special units that try to outmanocuvre the IRA has reached a new peak of effectiveness

curity sources warn against overoptimism. Two years ago, some senior police and Security Service figures were convinced that an IRA ceasefire lasting more than a year would begin to destroy the motivation for terrorism among the sleepers and socalled active-service units. That proved wrong. The ceasefire lasted 17 months. Throughout that period, the IRA never stopped training, carrying out dummy runs, targeting potential victims and developing new mortars and other terrorist devices. When the IRA army council decided to revert to violence, it achieved instant success with the explosion at South Quay in the London Docklands in February. The bomb in Manchester also demonstrated that the IRA could still vary its tactics and that it

remained a formidable opponent. However, while the IRA has proved it still has the motivation to pursue its bombing campaign, its leaders are now trapped. The door to the peace talks has been closed, Gerry Adams, Martin McGuinness and the rest of the IRA's political frontmen have lost all credibil-ity and to many in the IRA the only

option left is to continue bombing. If they revert to bombings in Northern Ireland they will face instant reprisals by better organised and better armed loyalist terrorists and they will run the risk of losing what support there is among the nationalist community. The Government in the Irish Republic. which has tried recently to sound optimistic about the future and has much to lose if all hope of another ceasefire vanishes, would also come under even greater pressure to clamp down on the IRA terrorists living south

of the border.
Unless the IRA takes the easiest option - lying low - there seems every chance that the bombers will be back in action on the mainland. But there will be a big difference. Since the South Quay and Manchester bombs, the police and Security Service have succeeded in converting general intelligence into nighly accurate information which has destroyed two suspected IRA operational units. With similar intelligence work in the future, the IRA could come to

Odd couple

FOREIGN Office Minister Sir Nicholas Bonsor's bull-necked attack on Kenneth Clarke yesterday once again tore open Tory wounds over Europe and the single currency. But Sir Nicholas, a pukka baronet from the shires and direct descendant of Horatio Nelson, has always been eclectic in his choice of foes and friends.

His most memorable contribution to any debate in the Commons came in the late 1980s, when he rose to the defence of his pair, the mace-wielding former MP Ron



Brown amazing mace

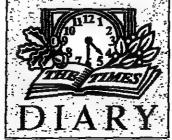
Brown. When all MPs about him were demanding disciplinary action against Brown, Bonsor rose majestically in chalk-stripe from his seat to defend the yobbish behaviour of the representative for Edinburgh Leith.

Brown, he said during the debate, was an MP of "integrity and honesty" and deserved leniency from parliamentary colleagues. The Chancellor, on the other hand, was "out of line" this week

with his views on Europe.
Leading Europhiles were appalled that Bonsor had broken the unwritten code that ministers do not attack each other in public. "Nicholas is an honourable and decent country squire," said one. "He was the president of Pop at Eton, and Captain of Boats. And he is most unlikely to hold a position of comparable power for the rest of his life."

Child's play

WHILE Binyamin Netanyahu and his frightening wife hit Brit-ain yesterday, back in Tel Aviv their newly appointed nanny was sweating. She is the Netanyahu family's fourth nanny in as many



years and has arrived hard on the heels of the 21-year-old South African, Tanya Shaw, who was sacked for burning soup. Tanya followed a New Zealander who arrived after a Briton. Both of them have related hideous tales of Mrs

Netanyahu's erratic behaviour. Yesterday London's Israeli Em-bassy was aware of the sensitivity of the nanny issue and was reluctant to discuss who was looking after Netanyahu's children at home. Asked about childcare arrangements, they screamed with laughter, saying: "You really ex-pect us to tell you about that?"

 Conservative Students, a voluntary organisation, has endured a setback in its annual university recruitment drive. Ten thousand copies of a leaflet planned for fresher fairs across the country have been pulped after the discovery of four spelling mistakes. For

starters, the word Conservative was wrongly spelt.

No show

FINALLY we have an answer to the embarrassing dearth of celebrities from the launch of Joan Collins' autobiography Second Act last week. The book's sleeve trumpets a woman "who has known a vast cast from Brando to Branagh. from Monroe to Madonna". The prospective guest list for the bash was impressive: the Aga Khan, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Roger



"A brick through Clarke's window doesn't count

In the event, La Collins made do with such B-listers as Christopher Biggins and Michael Winner. "These people were just friends," she drawls. "We didn't ask people just because they were celebrities." Just as well.

Moore, Sean Connery et al.

Wet back

ANOTHER soggy grandee is to come out on behalf of Europe at the Conservative Party conference. Following in the trail blazed by Sir Edward Heath and his five pals, Lord Walker of Worcester (better known as Peter Walker) is emerging from hiding to give his first political speech since he left the

Cabinet six years ago.
The former Secretary of State for Wales will speak at a dinner given by the Tory Reform Group, but he says he hasn't yet prepared what he has to say. "It is my first political performance since I left the Cabinet," he conceded yesterday. "I take the view, unlike some others, that when you go, you speak rather less."

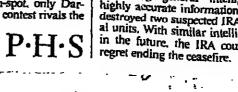
Race girl

NEXT stop on the Diana, Princess of Wales, World Tour will be Australia. Yesterday she enjoyed a glitter breakfast with Hillary Clin-



ton at the White House. Now she has been invited as a guest of hon-our to the Melbourne Cup, the Antipodean answer to Ascot, in October.

She can be sure of a warm reception from both the republican tendency and the floral hat brigade, Her invitation will come as a snub to Buckingham Palace, which would doubtless prefer a member of their own troupe to attend. This is a big invitation," said one Australian observer. "As an Aussie cultural high-spot, only Darwin's wet T-shirt contest rivals the



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BETWEEN THE LINES

What Ashdown did not say yesterday

HER OWN WORST ENEMY

The Bhutto clan has mortgaged Pakistan's future

The future relationship between a Labour government and the Liberal Democrats is a love that dare not speak its name. Tony Blair, in public at least, affects to believe that a Labour majority will make any pact unnecessary. The Lib Dem leadership is still coyly pretending to reservations that it does not really possess. But the flirtation was clearly evident in Paddy Ashdown's speech yesterday, even if, for the sake of political propriety, it was disguised.

Normally centre party leaders have to pretend that they might form the next government. Although their promises may sound thin even to the conference hall, and laughable outside it, they posit a world with Liberal Democrats in power. Yesterday, however, was different. The picture that Mr Ashdown painted was one in which his party merely had an influence upon a Labour administration. Instead of beginning each promise with "A Liberal Democrat government would...", he used the formula, "With the Liberal Democrats strong in the next Parliament. . .".

The Lib Dems would not oppose a Blair administration: that much has been clear since Mr Ashdown dropped his policy of equidistance between the two big parties. But how willing and how active a partner would the centre party be? At one end of the spectrum is an informal relationship akin to that between the Conservatives and the Ulster Unionists, in which the smaller party generally but not always supports the larger one, and its members play no part in government. At the other, a formal pact could be drawn up between Labour and the Lib Dems, with agreed aims and a few Cabinet posts for members of the centre party.

The former would be easier for both party leaders. There is still some residual bitterness in both parties towards members of the other side. In many seats, particularly in the of which neither yet dares to speak.

Benazir Bhutto has buried her brother and

bitter political enemy, Murtaza, shot dead

by police in the sort of street battle that has

become a routine feature of Pakistan's

spiralling political, religious and criminal

disputes. It will be far harder to bury the

anger and tension in her country, where the

warfare within her dynasty has come to

symbolise the political, moral and economic

The embattled Prime Minister may not

judge it safe to come to London next week as

planned. But if she does, she can be expected

to repeat her customary theme that Paki-

stan, as the only moderate Muslim democ-

racy in a highly volatile region, merits

international understanding and financial

Three years into Miss Bhutto's second

term as Prime Minister, her country is on

the edge of breakdown and her administra-

tion has forfeited most of its early promise.

Economic liberalisation has faltered, her

pretensions to social justice have been

discredited by her Government's rank dis-

crimination in favour of the wealthy land-

owners who dominate political life, sectarian

violence has become relentless and the

Miss Bhutto blames everyone but herself

- Islamist troublemakers, the World Bank

and International Monetary Fund, America

and even her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto.

There is certainly plenty that is unsavoury

and unscrupulous about her domestic

opponents, both religious and political, and

Begum Nusrat's hostility adds fuel to fire.

But her reluctance to implement reforms

that would weaken her own power base - or

her family's finances - has contributed

On the economy, the strategy that Miss

Bhutto inherited in 1993, from an interim

administration headed by the distinguished

international economist Moeen Qureshi,

Sea Containers, which owns the privatised

East Coast main line, has conjured up

Private rail must make the Crawling Haggis fly

heavily to Pakistan's current crisis.

economy is recling from mismanagement.

support. The audience should be more

bankruptcy of the governing elite.

sceptical than in the past.

urban North, the two parties are serious rivals. Some Labour members will never forgive the descendants of the SDP. Some Liberals are still deeply suspicious of Labour's union links and anti-market instincts. If Messrs Ashdown and Blair were to enter into a proper coalition, there could be open disquiet in both ranks.

Moreover, if Mr Blair won a working majority he would not need anything more than an informal arrangement. The areas likely to present the most difficulty to him in Parliament - reform of the welfare state and of the constitution - are those which the Liberal Democrats most want to see carried out. The Labour leader could simply call Mr Ashdown's bluff; the Lib Dem leader would not want to go down in history as the man who blocked Scottish or Welsh devolution.

On the other hand, Mr Blair is probably thinking beyond a first term. The opposition to a realignment of the Left comes primarily from older members of both parties. The younger ones tend to be freer-thinking; and many have had experience of working amicably with the other side on hung local councils. The closer that the two parties' policies become, the more absurd it seems for them to be fighting each other. Now that Labour has embraced constitutional reform, the old flagship of the centre party, there is little that differentiates the two.

Mr Blair might find his internal Labour Party position more comfortable in alliance with the Lib Dems. He is not a tribal man. and the centre of gravity of a progressive coalition would be closer to his own. If Labour were to introduce a more proportional voting system after the next election - perhaps a compromise modelled on the alternative vote — the certainties of British politics would become more fluid. This is the future

was the best Pakistan has had since inde-

pendence. It could have produced cleaner as

well as more efficient government. She had

only to follow through. She declined to do so,

with the result that tax evasion remains the

norm, the black economy is half the size of

the official economy, defence and debt

servicing absorb 70 per cent of the budget

and, despite high growth, the state's

financial disrepair is such that the IMF has

President Farooq Leghari has finally lost

patience - above all with the corruption that

underpins feudal privileges. He demands

the creation of a special judicial panel to

investigate corruption charges against poli-

ticians and officials. Miss Bhutto, who

recently appointed her much-suspected hus-

band Investment Minister — a job which is

It is, on the contrary, the indispensable

first step to restore the moral authority Miss

Bhutto needs to govern at all - let alone to

deal with the sectarian battles that have

brought terror to the streets. The two recent

massacres in the city of Multan are the worst

in years. Karachi, where 1,800 were killed

last year, is stirring again. In the North

West, there is heavy fighting. Islamist

politicians with an unforgiving but populist

agenda are again becoming a potent force.

those who think its importance ended with

the Cold War like to suppose. It is an

undeclared nuclear power, living in simmer-

ing enmity with India and unsettling amity

with China. It could, as Miss Bhutto says, be

a moderating influence in Muslim central

Asia; but it also has the potential to stir up

religious extremism instead. Miss Bhutto

cannot expect unquestioning support on the

grounds of religious moderation alone. The

message she must hear in the West is that it

ing if they sat near the open window when

Pakistan's stability matters more than

singularly open to corrupt inducements -

retorts that nothing of the kind is needed.

witheld its latest standby loan in despair.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WOODARD, of which both party leaders must dream, but United Kingdom, Dean Bradley House 52 Horseferry Road, SW1. September 20.

From Mr J. A. Davis

Spin-doctors

From Mr Roger Bush

near qualifying.

Yours faithfully.

September 20) correctly point out that in 1946 Sir Winston Churchill was opposed to Britain becoming part of a federal institutional Europe. But Churchill changed his position or even his party in the light of changed.

Sir, it is disingenuous of Sir Bernard Ingham to defend himself against be-ing called a spin-doctor (Media and

Marketing, September 11) by leaping to the defence of the Government In-

formation Service, As far as I know,

no one has suggested that its mem-

bers are or were spin-doctors; as Sir.,

Bernard says, they come nowhere

Traditionally, the head of the GIS was the Director-General of the Cen-

tral Office of Information and there

was some dismay when Sir Bernard,

whilst still the Prime Minister's Press

Secretary, was for at least two years

given that position. The reason for this

was that he was perceived as having

become a good deal more political

than would be right or proper for a government information officer.

It is true that "spin-doctors have

little in common with self-effacing

GIS press secretaries". But then, who-

ever called Sir Bernard self-effacing?

(Government information officer,

54 Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey.

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From Mr Patrick Howarth

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Churchill, Britain's sovereignty and a single currency

From the Director of the European Movement - UK

Sir, Did Churchill want to submerge Britain in a centralised superstate (report and leading article, September 19; letters, September 20)? The answer is clearly no. If, on the other hand, you ask, "Did Churchill think Britain should play its part in the innovative development of the European Com-munity, even if that meant sharing some national sovereignty?" the answer is unambiguously yes.

Churchill's position was explained in detail during a parliamentary de-bate on June 27, 1950. He stated unequivocally that he could not envisage Britain being part of a federal superstate but went on to argue that Britain should "accept the invitation to take part in the discussions on the Schuman plan" with a view to joining, if possible, a new European Com-

munity. Posing the question, "Are you prepared to part with any degree of national sovereignty in any circumstances for the sake of a large synthesis?" he stated that the Conservative Party "declares that national sovereignty is not inviolable, and that it may be resolutely diminished for the sake of all the men in all the lands finding their way home together".

So what would he have made of the "Euro-sceptics"? In the same debate he criticised Clement Attlee, the Labour Prime Minister, for being "the champion of the extreme insular view and added: "This . . . will not win for him or those who follow him any measure of public esteem."

Director, European Movement -

Sir. Lord Beloff and others fletters.

Might one suggest that, if alive

today, he would be able to recognise the difference between the imperial power of which he was Prime Min-ister and the European nation state of which Mr Major is, and would have seen the need to adjust the tactics used in maintaining a balance in Europe? Euro-sceptics, Sir, live in the past

and make us, as a nation, look ridiculous in the present. Yours faithfully, J. A. DAVIS, 54 Woodland Road,

Bookham, Surrey.

September 20. From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir. As one who has lived through the two world wars, I hope that our leaders at the party conferences this year will reflect on Churchill's words at the Conservative Party conferences on October 5, 1946, and October 4, 1947, namely: "Never must we underrate the immense resources of patriotism"; and "I strive for all three great sys-tems — the British Commonwealth of Nations, the European Union [sic] and the fraternal association with the United States ... I believe that ... this island ... will become the vital link between them all."

On December 10, 1948, in a foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons he declared: "In the ever closer unity of the English-speaking world lies the main hope of human freedom and a great part of the hope of our own survival."

Yours faithfully, A. H. P. HUMPHREY. 14 Ambrose Place, Worthing, West Sussex. September 24.

From Mr J. Peter Morris

Sir, In other countries domestic political factors weigh as heavily in deci-sions about the Euro-currency as in the United Kingdom. Yet your reports, articles and letters seem to neg-lect these as if continental politicians were more idealistic than our own. It is easier to excuse slimming down an economy to meet Asian competition if it is presented as progress imposed by an external agreement.

A single currency means a single central bank: with 15 states on its board it would be unaccountable. Not

many presidents or prime ministers

would sign up for that.

However, in a small grouping of states — say, Germany, Austria, Benelux and France — the central bank would be controllable and a simple analysis of power says that it would do what the German Government's board member wished it to do.

Any German government could by-pass the Bundesbank to which such monetary powers - election-winning powers - are currently reserved. At last the mark would be as democratically accountable as other currencies and the German Government could fiddle the currency to win elections

Presumably both Mr Major and Mr Blair have assessed the practical politics and keep their options open in case they have to "sell" consent for the best concessions available in other

Yours etc. J. P. MORRIS,

Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1. From Mr J. Wynne Lewis

Sir, Mr John Redwood's article on the European currency union ("Europe's unholy alliance", September 19) was well presented but was not carried to its logical conclusion.

He referred to poor areas in Germany, France and Iberia but did not mention those in the UK. He also referred to the Civil War in America as imposing the will of the centre on the states (to which the South and West are now reacting) but did not mention the wars extending over centuries to include Scotland and Weles in a "Greater England" (of Anglo-Saxon origin). Here it is the North and West that are stirring.

Mr Redwood outlines the difficulties caused by monetary union if ex-change and interest rates not appropriate to a regional economy are fixed at the centre; but the same thing happened in Wales and Scotland after the industrial Revolution, leaving the South East permanently more prosperous than "Highland Britain" in the West and North.

Yours faithfully. J. WYNNE LEWIS, Caerwylan, Nant Bychan, Moelfre, Anglesey. September 21.

Childbirth and the law men the Editor of

Sir. On September 16 you reported that in two recent cases a High Court judge has authorised doctors to carry out Caesarean sections against the mothers' will. I find this deeply alarm-

Midwifery Matters

Court-ordered Caesarean sections run directly contrary to the spirit of Changing Childbirth, the Govern-ment-backed and Government-funded report by Baroness Cumberlege, published in 1993, on the future of the maternity services.

If courts continue to make these rulings enabling obstetricians to perform major surgery on unconsenting adults, by force if necessary, where will it all end? Effectively we are back at square one, with the obstetrician playing God and phoning his solicitor cronies to get the necessary piece of paper if women under his charge dare to reject his advice.

Obstetricians have been crying "wolf" for so long that women no longer trust their judgment. The increased Caesarean rate is owed more to fear of

litigation than to clinical need, and the risk of maternal death following surthe risk after vaginal delivery. Caesarean section is not a magic cure-all and any woman refusing it is not necessarily mad or indifferent to the fate of her baby.

Changing Childbirth got it right. Women asked for continuity of care and more choice in childbirth, and Cumberlege agreed with them. If women could have continuity of care during pregnancy there would be time to build a trusting relationship with a midwife. If operative treatment does then prove necessary the midwife would be in a good position to defuse the situation without tempers getting

As things stand at the present it is rare to see a familiar face during labour; few women have an advocate in the labour ward. let alone in hastily convened courts.

Yours etc. MARGARET JOWITT. Editor, Midwifery Matters, Walford Lodge, Walford, Craven Arms, Shropshire.

September 24.

Country roads

From Mr Tim Craig

Sir, I live in Shropshire down a onetrack lane with passing places. If the traffic is more than four cars an hour

It is to be remarked upon. During the seven years I have walked with my dog a four-mile route through surrounding lanes, I have seldom seen even a farm vehicle. So why does the county council spend so much resurfacing roads that carry so little traffic?

A local stretch 1.4 miles long, which. serves four dwellings and runs para-llel with a main road, was recently resurfaced. It could easily have been patched. In the seven years I have not met more than a dozen vehicles on it.

including tractors. Grass is already growing through this new treatment. I raised the matter with my MP two ears ago when a lane that leads to no habitation and is used even less was resurfaced. I received a haughty reply from the highways department stating that such work represented only I

per cent of its budget. I do not believe this area of Shropshire is unique. In a poor state of repair the ruts and bumps act like sleeping policemen. That apart I see resurfacing as a waste of money which could be better spent.

Yours faithfully, TIM CRAIG, l Brook Cottage, Hindford. Near Oswestry, Shropshire.

September 21.

New tower for London

From the Chairman of the City Heritage Society

Sir. It is difficult in my view to find a single good point in favour of Trafalgar House's 92-storey Millennium Tower (letters, September 14), other than that it would probably fit well into the street patterns of New York or Hong Kong. For the City of London it is an absurdity.

Marcus Binney hazards a guess (report, September 10) that the City Corporation is likely to welcome the scheme. With no planning application yet made and with the certainty of enormous opposition if one is ever made I suggest that he is being pre-

The catalogue of reasons for hoping that a planning application will not be made is long. The overriding one is that a 1,200ft transparent skyscraper would be totally counter to the whole character of the City of London which, in spite of the building disasters inflicted upon it in recent years, is still a

buildings of modest scale. Also, any building on this site must be made to incorporate the re-creation within it of the main hall of the old Baltic Exchange, as has long been accepted by the Corporation of London and English Heritage.

Yours faithfully. C. DOUGLAS WOODWARD, Chairman, City Heritage Society, 404 Gilbert House, Barbican ECZ. September 20.

From Mr Henry Button

Sir, If, as Mr Christopher Makin suggests in his letter, someone had criticised Wren's design for St Paul's on the ground of scale, Sir Christopher might have replied that, with a maximum height of 365ft, it was considerably lower than Old St Paul's, which stood at a height of 489ft before it was hit by lightning in June 1561.

Yours faithfully. HENRY BUTTON 7 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge.

'Incelibate' Popes and their families

From Mr Alexander Murray

Sir. Whatever else Christianity does to us, it makes us historians - as wirness your brief account of clerical celibacy ("History proves ideal of celibacy is often broken", September 21). But your list of incelibate Popes needs correcting.

You say Clement IV (1265-68) was married with two daughters". Yes, but not as Pope or even priest. He was a famous lawyer who had taken or-ders in his late fifties, after the death of his wife. When he became Pope, ten years later, the novelty of a Pope with marriageable daughter sent a shock-wave through the marriage market, and Clement had to chide many noble bachelors for not having expressed their admiration when he was a mere professor of law.

The next name for the lifeboat should probably be Plus II (1458-64), to whom you give "several illegitimate children". He had two bastards, born and dead - to his regret since he loved children — before he took holy orders

This young prodigy had probably long had priesthood in mind but had delayed taking the plunge on this very issue "because", he said to a friend just before taking it, "I fear chastity, although it is a virtue to be praised". The fear proved groundless and his way of life changed, so that by the time he became Pope, at 54, the only skeleton left in his cupboard was a faintly erotic novel he had written as a youth and which political enemies dug up and republished to embarrass

And so on, I am afraid, through most of the list. The High Renaissance Popes like Alexander VI (1492-1503) are another matter, and scandalised Europe at the time. The same had been true in the mid-tenth century, when a critic called Rome a "pornocracy" whose leading porné (harlot) was allegedly mistress, mother, grandmother and step-daughter of Popes: a state of affairs which also horrified Church leaders elsewhere and led to a reform movement which, by stages, revitalised the old statutes, including those on clerical celibacy.

The General Council of Nicaea in 325 - the same council which gave the Church its creed - declared in its

third canon: The Great Council universally forbade any bishop, priest or other person in the clergy from miroducing a woman to live with him unless it be his mother, sister or aunt, or other such as are above suspicion.

In its 16 centuries of existence that canon has been subject in turns or simultaneously to respect, neglect, defence and attack on principle, inter-pretation in other than its literal sense, wilfui and unwilful ignorance, official and unofficial dispensation, and most of the other misty winds that commonly thrash the high peaks of the moral Atlas - peaks which stay there, for all that, and can be seen on a

Yours faithfully. ALEXANDER MURRAY (Tutor in Mediaeval History), University College, Oxford. September 21.

Church music

From Miss M. Shipley

Sir. St Philleigh Church, in a nearby village, usually manages to field two organists (letters, September 12, 16, 20, 23), but the Senior Organist is at present thatching his roof. The only prima donna is the organ: the occasional phut-boom or a mystic silence which keeps us all awake, and which we treat with bemused awe.

It's all part of God's plan, I suppose. The congregation is brilliant at singing How great Thou art unaccom-

Yours sincerely, MARION SHIPLEY Uunior Organist). Penda, Treworthal, Ruan High Lanes, Truro, Cornwall.

From Mr R. E. F. James

Sir, One Sunday nearly 60 years ago my contemporaries at school were both amused and impressed by the skill of our youngish organist when the concluding voluntary in the college chapel turned out to be an adaptation of Tiger Rag, a jazz number still quite well known at that time.

We never knew whether the powers that be recognised his achievement. Yours faithfully,

R. E. F. JAMES, Averys House, Findon, Nr Worthing, Sussex. September 24.

Shop early . . .

From Professor G. H. McWilliam

Sir. In this morning's mail I received a letter from the Head of Marketing of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra urging me not to miss the RPO's 50th birthday concert, for which tickets are now selling fast". My wife and I attended the concert at the Royal Albert Hall eight days ago, on September 15.

Is this a recording? Yours etc. HARRY McWILLIAM, Lewins, Chalfont St Peter.

Buckingham

smoky clouds of nostalgia for the launch of its new services from London to Edinburgh. Invoking the mythic spirit of the Flying Scotsman, the company promises that next month it will offer passengers all the glories of the old LNER without the smoke, the grime or the bumpy rail joints. The new Great North Eastern Railway, liveried in scarlet and blue and proffering sizzling breakfast bacon in its restaurant cars, is hoping to recapture not only the sepia nemories of premier prewar service, but ome of the romance of the named expresses

nat used to thunder down to Scotland. The most famous, alas, will not be on und. The Flying Scotsman now lies in ces, boxed and stored in a north London ad pending restoration. Its namesake still she earts daily at 10am from King's Cross, but 225kph electric locomotive and Mark IV hes have none of the cachet of their , slower, dirtier predecessor. But in , the old service was awful. It used to truth a full eight hours to travel to take urgh. First-class passengers were ed with well-sprung seats and cossett cassars. But those in third class could

diety carriages draughty corridors,

the train was racing over the water troughs. The myth of steam speed was fostered by Mallard, the engine that achieved 126mph on one glorious day when the track was clear, the conditions perfect and the company determined to show what British engincering could do. But even in BR days, the prewar timetable looked pretty shoddy: fewer departures, trains that rarely went over 60 mph and enough bends and bumps to throw passengers frequently and not always enthusiastically into each other's arms. Huge sums have since been spent electrifying and realigning the route, now one of the fastest and most profitable in Britain. Although Sea Containers wants to banish the memory of InterCity, it knows that the development of this line was one of the

nationalised railway's great achievements. What is still missing is romance, and here the vistas for private initiative are as wide open as the sweeping Scottish moors: new named trains, good food, business lounges. and, at the other end of the scale, airlinestyle service at rock-bottom prices to boost the mass market. Verve, flair and imagination: this is what privatisation was meant to bring to the railways. If Sea Containers can recreate the myth of the Flying Scotsman, it

is time to stop berating the technocrats and start to follow their sensible advice. **MYTH AND STEAM**

down from the BBC's Third Programme were about to be abandoned (letter. September 2i) became clear when Mr Nicholas Kenyon was appointed Controller of Radio 3 and announced his intentions in an interview with The Times (June 30, 1992). He spoke knowledgeably and at length about music and evinced no interest whatever in poetry. This from a man whose essors had give the public such works as MacNeice's The Dark Tower and Thomas's Under Milk Wood.

Sir, That the great traditions handed

I must declare an interest, having in the past had eight programmes of my poetry broadcast on Radio 3. But I shall be surprised if anyone seriously interested in poetry does not share my disappointment at what is happening

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HOWARTH. Flat 2, Pencarrow, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset. September 21.

Road to fame

From Mr Douglas Lowndes

Sir, If Elaine Page is really ambitious (letter. September 19) she should forget about mere boulevards and streets and get herself the title-role in

Yours sincerely DOUGLAS LOWNDES, I Colville Court. Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. September 19.

Letters for publication may



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 24: The Princess Royal President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning opened the Walsall Carers Centre, 5/6 The Crossing at St Pauls, Darwall Street, Walsall, West Midlands and was received by Sir Adrian Cadbury (Deputy Lieuten-ant of West Midlands).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers today attended a function at IMI plc. Witton Road. Birmingham, West Midlands.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London this evening attended a Dinner to mark the merger of The London Hospital Medical College and St Bartholo-mew's Hospital Medical College with Queen Mary and Westfield College and the establishment of St Barrholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London EC2 CLARENCE HOUSE

September 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), this morning presented, on behalf of The Queen New Colours to the 1st and 2nd

Her Majesty was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Officers of the Regiment. Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Major David McMicking were in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 24: The Duke Gloucester this afternoon attended a ceremony to mark the completion of the modernisation of Navarino Mansions, Dalston Lane, London E8. The Duchess of Gloucester this

morning visited Montessori St Nicholas Centre to mark the Centre's Golden Jubilee and opened the lecture room, 23-24 Prince's Gate, London SW7. The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John accompanied by The Duchess of

Cinucester, attended a Military Concert and Dinner in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for St John Ambulance at Guildhall, London THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

September 24: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Sussex-down, the Royal Air Forces Association's renovated Nursing Home, at Washington Road, Storrington and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussen (Major-General Sir Philip Ward).

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Mark Oakley to be a Deputy Priest in Ordinary to Her Majesty in succession to the Right Reverend Michael Colclough.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of

London University, attended a dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall to mark the formation of St

Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and

Dentistry on the merger of The London Hospital Medical College. St Bartholomew's Hospital Medi-

cal College and Queen Mary and

Westfield College by the Queen Mary and Westfield College Act 1995 and to express appreciation to

all those who assisted in the

Sir Christopher France, Chair-

man of Queen Mary and Westfield College Council, presided, Lord Quirk, FBA, and Professor Graham Zellick, Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield Coll-

Professor Sir Colin Berry, Vice-

ege, were the speakers.

ary Fellows:

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Oueen Mary and

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Royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend a reception for the Hospital for Tropical Diseases at the Royal College of Physicians, II St Andrews Place, NWI, at 7.15; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the national committee meeting and an-nual meeting at the Café Royal. at 10.20.

Princess Margaret, President, The Guide Association, will give a reception for Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace at 5.00. The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Katsouris Fresh Foods, Wernbley, at 10.55.

Thanksgiving services Lord Fraser of Kilmorack

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, CBE, will take place in St Margaret's Church, West minster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, November 13. Ali are velcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 13. I Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will November I.

Lucy Doxford

A service of thanksgiving for the ilfe of Lucy Doctord will be held at Holy Trinity, Brompton Road, London, SW7, at noon on October 15.

Reception West Africa Committee

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey was the guest of honour at a reception held last night at the Army and Navy Club to mark the 40th anniversary of the committee and to launch its anniversary book. Members of HM Government and of high commissions and emassies of West Africa were among

Service dinner

The Royal Irish Regiment Colonel J.D. Sankey. Regimental Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment, presided at a Colonel-in-Chief's Dining Club dinner held last night in Belfast.

Birthdays today

Professor Struther Arnott, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews, 62; Mr N.W. Ayrron, theatre and opera director, 72; Mr Ronnie Barker, comedian, 67; Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a Viceor; Sir Leon Britan, Qu. a vice-resident of the European Com-mission, 57: Sir Colin Davis, conductor, 69: Mr Martin Dermoti, rugby league player, 29; Mr Michael Douglas, actor, 52; Sir John Farr, former MP, 74; Sir John Farr, former MP, 74; Sir Florizel Glasspole, former Govriorzei Giasspore, tormer Con-ernor-General of Jamaica. 87: Mr. John Hills, racehorse trainer, 36; Sir David Hunt, diplomat, 83; General Sir Edward Jones, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. 60: Miss Felicity Kendal, actress, 50; Professor Sir William Mitchell. physicist, 71: Mr Timothy Severin. author and explorer, 56; Mr Michael Stephen, MP, 54; Miss Vivien Stern, former director, Nacro, 55: Commandant Daphne Swallow, former director, WRNS, 64: Miss Rowena Vining, diplomat, 75: Mr Nicholas Wood, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 48.

University of Northumbria at Newcastle

The following law students qualified from the University of Northumbria for the academic year 1995-96:

Full-time Legal Practice Course 1995/96



Principal and Warden of Queen Mary and Westfield College, pre-sented the following new Honor-Pari-time Year 2 Legal Practice Course 1995/96 Professor Lord Wiruston: Professor Joseph Rotblat, FRS, and Professor Herman Waldmann, FRS. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey

Dalton. Master of the Drapers' Jawon, Staphen Allah, 13th metane Jia, Mackay, Pelicity Alih, Medi, Ann. Montgomery, Angela, Nilsen, Aspeli, Olivens, Alexandra, Pyne, Susan, Quirke, Adam Francis, Sheppard, Christopher Charles, Smith, Beverley Jare, Teate, Michael Ambrose, Thomas, Catherine Mary, Thompson, Lisa Jane, Turmbuli, Gillian, Whitworth, Diane Isabella, Wright, Shirley, Collina, Jeson Peter, Long, Rachel Jage. Company and Vice-Chairman of Council, inspected the London University Royal Naval Unit guard of honour. Among others Dresent Were: Full Time Year 4 LLB (Flora)
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Graham Hart, Sir Peter Levene, Sir
Greville Sprart, Professor Sir Michael
Thompson, CC, Mr Alan Langlands,
Professor A S McNelsh, Mr Clive
Priessley, Miss Judith Maynaw, Mr
Langlands,
Rutherford (Vice-Chancellor, London
University), Mr Finlay Scott and
Mr William Wels,
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Diggory, and the Chairman of The Latymer Foundation, Dr Jack Dinner held last night at Latymer Upper School after the Annual Prize Giving. Dr M. Zaki Badawi, Principal of The Muslim College. Ealing, was the Guest of Honour. The Chairman of the Old Latymerian Association, Mr Geoff Gurney, School Governors, members of Staff and Headmasters of selected Junior and Prep Schools were among the guests.



The Black Watch, at Birkhall, Deeside, yesterday. She also presented new colours to the 2nd Battalion before having lunch with officers of the regiment

The Fulbright Commission

The following have been awarded British and American Fulbright postgraduate studentships:

American graduate students ilimited awards

Julie Appiah, Stanford Univ (BA 1993); Oxford Univ. Soc Policy, MSc Rebocca. Breslow, Yale Univ (BA 1996); Courtauld Inst of Art, London, History of Art, MA Michael Cafarella, Brown Univ (AB 1996): Edinburgh Univ, Artificial Intelligence, MSc

Intelligence, MSc Christine Chen, Univ of California. Berkeley (BA 1996); LSE, Political Science, MPhil. Charles Collinu, Princeson Univ (BSE, 1988), Univ of Illinois (MS 1996); Univ Nes, Only of thinois (Nes 1996); Only of Strathclyde, Engineering, MSc Esther Conrad, Stanford Univ (BS 1995); Univ of Cambridge, Dev-elopment Studies, MPtill Helen Denham, Univ of Chicago (BA 1990), Univ of Cal, Berkeley (PhD exp 1999); Oxford Univ, Hist of Science.

US PhD Research Charles Garnon, Brown Univ (BA 1982), Syracuse Univ (MS 1985), Fordham (MA 1994, PhD exp 1997); Liverpool Univ, Eng Lit, US PhD Charles Hight, Rice Univ (B Arch 1993h: Architectural Assn School of Arch, London, Architecture, MPhil Laura Hughes, Connecticut College

(BA 1996); Sussex Univ. Eng Lit. MPhil Andrea Koenig, Univ of Washington (BA 1994), Syracuse Univ (MFA 1997): Queen's Univ Bellast, Women's Stud-

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Morgan Walker, Pacific Northwest College of Art [BFA 1993]. Univ of Oregon (MFA 1995); Art/Printing, Research Denotes student on 2nd year of Joint Fulbright Scholurship

British graduate students awards 1996/97 Grantes Andrew Balls*, Oxford Univ graduate; Harvard Univ, JFK School of Government Economics, Public Ad-

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Eleanor Chadwick, Oxford Univ
graduate, Royal Northern College of
Music, Harvard Univ, JFK School of Music, Harvard Univ, Jrk School of Gov, Public Policy, non-degree Helen Cox, Cambridge Univ gradu-ate, Gulidhall School of Music, Indiana Univ. School of Music, Music — Violin, non-degree Claire Dunning, Oxford Univ gradu-are, Univ of Michigan, medicine, non-degree

non-degree Dylan Evans, Southampton Univ graduate, Kent Univ MA: State Univ of New York, Buffalo Comparative Literature, PhD Clair Gallagher, Imperial College graduate; Univ of Illinois, Mathematics, PhD Christopher Hare, Cam-bridge Univ graduate, Diploms in Law, Bar School: Harvard Law

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Univ graduate: New York Univ (NYU), Performance Studies, MA
Deepalk Nambisan, Oxford Univ graduate, BCL (August 1996); Harvard Law School, Law, LLM
Alian Bloom Board Newshorn College Alice Neary, Royal Northera College of Music graduate: New York State Univ. Stony Brook, Music — Cello.

Laure-Helene Piron, Oxford Univ graduate, MPhil (July 1996): Columbia Univ, Int'l Relations, MA bis Univ, Ini'l Relations, MA
Tom Reynolds, Bristot Univ; MIT,
Aerospace Engineering, MA
Vanessa Sayers, Oxford Univ graduare, Harvard Univ, JFK School of
Government, Public Admin, MPA
Daniel Squires**, Cambridge Univ
graduate; Harvard Law School, Lsw,
II M.

Catherine Stevens, Cambridge Univ graduate, Harvard Univ, JFK School of Government, Public Admin, MPA Mark Wystt. Cambridge Univ graduate, Univ of London, MSc: Univ of Florida, Astronomy, PhD ** Knox Award grantees (therefore are travel-only Publicipht Awards) Co-snonnored awards

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Anniversaries | today

BIRTHS: William Romaine, theologian and preacher, Hartlepool, 1714; Abraham Werner, geologist, Upper Lusatia, Saxony, 1750; Felicia Hemans, poet, Liverpool, 1793; Thomas Morgan, geneticist, Nobel laureate 1933, Lexington, Kentucky, 1866; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, Lindfield, Sussex, 1872: William Faulkner, novelist, Nobei laureate 1949. New Albany, Mississippi. 1897; Mark Rothko, painter, Daugavpils, Russia, 1903; Dmitri Shostakovich, composer. St Petersburg, 1906; Glenn Gould, pianist, Toronto, 1932.

DEATHS: Johann Heinrich Lambert, mathematician, Berlin, 1777: Johann Strauss the Elder, violinist and composer, Vienna, 1849; John Watson, psychologist, New York, 1958; Erich Maria Remarque, author of All Quiet on the Western Front, Locarno, 1970; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, Santa Monica, California, 1984; Emlyn Williams, actor, London, 1987.

The first transfusion using human blood, as opposed to animal blood, took place at Guy's Hospital, London, 1818. Britain's first motor bus service started in Bradford, 1897. Catalonia in Spain became autonomous with its own parliament, language and flag, 1932

Institute of Physics

The following is a full list of council members of the Institute of Physics for the year starting October 1: President, Dr. Brian W. Manley, immediate Past President, Sir Arnold Wolfendale: Honorary Treasurer, Mr. John L. Lewis, Honorary Secretary, Professor Eric Jakeman; Vice-Presidents: Professor Ian Butterworth, Professor Peter I P. Kalmus, Mr. John H. Moore and Dr. Tony Scott.

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Sution Grammar School for Boys

Events to celebrate the centenary of Sutton Grammar School for Boys in 1999 are currently being organised. All Old Boys who wish to receive information are asked to write or send a facsimile to: Sutton Grammar School for Boys (Centenary), Manor Lane, Sutton. Surrey. SMI 4AS. Fax: 0181-770

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.D.B. Charles

and Miss E.J. Simeons The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs David Charles, of Constantine, Cornwall, and Eloise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Simeons, of Doras Green, Surrey.

Mr J.B. Chevallier Guild and Miss D.K. Hosking

The engagement is announced between Barry, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Chevallier Guild, of Aspall Hall. Suffolk. and Dale, second daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hosking. of Abbey Mill Farm. Dunkeswell Abbey. Devon.

Viscount Coke and Miss P.M. Whately The engagement is announced between Tom, elder son of the Earl of Leicester and Valeria. Viscountess Coke, both of Norfolk, and Polly, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Whately, of Dorset.

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Mr A.G.P. Davies

and Miss J. Belmont The engagement is announced between Giles, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pedder Davies, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Jasmina, younger daughter of Mr Julien Granata Belmont and Comtesse

Mr J. Heat and Miss K.L. Stark-Toller The engagement is announced between Jon. son of Mr and Mrs. Paul Hunt, of Cradley, Malvern, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stark-Toller, of

Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Mr E.B.J. Johnson

and Miss C.A. Atkinson The engagement is announced between Bart, son of Dr and Mrs Stewart Johnson, of Ruscombe, Berkshire, and Claire, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Derek Atkinson, of East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire.

Dr R.F. Neilson and Dr A.N. Parker

The engagement is announced between Roderick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Neilson, of Hyndiand, Glasgow, and Anne, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Rodney Parker, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr S.J. Ball and Mrs J.A. King The marriage took place on Tues-day. September 24, 1996, at Westminster Register Office, of Stephen Ball to Jennifer King. A luncheon was held at Languns

Brasserie and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P Middleton and Miss A. Mehra

The marriage took place on September 24, 1996, in Fulham, of Mr Peter Middleton, to Miss Anita Mehra, daughter of Harish and Margarete Mehra.

Latest wills

Eric Charles Oliphant Jewesbury, medical practitioner, of London NW8, left estate valued at E2,258,846 net.

NW8, lett estage values as the left feet exposor to the Warden of the St Bartholorews and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, to be used for cultural, recreational or social amenitors of the junior medical staff. 12,000 to the President of the Mess of North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, north London, for junior medical staff. (5,000 to the trustees of the Savile Endowment Fund. The rest of his estate to be equally shared between: Royal Medical Benevolent Fund. Osler House Club of Oxford University, Nadonal Star Centre for Expair of the Staff of Physicians of Physicia

John Kent Ridler, of Wootton Courtenay, Minehead, Somerset, left estate valued at E1,185,001 net. He left prints, paintings, books and papers to remain on loan to Somerset Record Office, Devon Record Office, Lynton Museum: £5.000 to Selworthy PCC; £3,800 to Brompton Regis and Wootton Courtenay PCC; £2,000 to Ration and Lictorable PCC; £2,000 to Ration and Lictorable PCC; £1,000 to Alterford Village Halt: £500 to the Exton and Wootton Courtenay Village Halt: £500 each to Somersté Courny Council for the Rural Life Museum at Classonburg: the Exmotr Woodland Conservation Trust; £1,000 each to West Somersté Archaeological and Natural History Society, Arthritis and Rheumanism Council for Research, imperial Cancer Research, 2000 each to Abbeyfield Society, Ernandon, Nutron, Minchead Hospital Lesgue of Friends, RNIB, Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Adults and Children, RNLI, NSPCC, West Somerste Rural Housing Association, Si Margarer's Somerste Hospice, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Mental Somerste Hospice, Royal Control Children Somerste Hospice, Royal Children Somerste Hospice, Royal Children Somerste Hospice, Royal Children Somerste Hospice, Royal Children Somerste Mospice, Royal Children

David John Green, of Chickerell. Weymouth, Dorset, left estate valued at El,014,249 net.

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He left £60.000 to 51 Barmabas Society, of Wolverboxe, Oxford: £5.000 to the British Diabetic association: £1.000 to the Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees to be used in the Weymouth area: £5.000 to Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees for 51 Charles's Roman Catholic Church, Wyke Regis, Weymouth: £1.000 to the Pautish of the Holy Trishy and 51 Andrew Ashe, Basingstoke, Hamushire.

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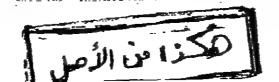
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PAUL ERDÖS

Paul Erdős, mathematician, died on September 20 aged 83, He was born on March 26, 1913

ul Erdős was regarded by fellow mathematicians as the most brilliant, if eccentric, mind in his field. Because he had no interest in anything but numbers, his name was not well known uutside the mathematical fraternity. He wrote no best-selling books, and showed a stoic disregard for worldly success and personal comfort, living out of a suitcase for much of his adult life. The money he made from prizes he gave away to fellow mathematicians whom he considered to be needler than himself. "Property is a nuisance," was his succinct evaluation,

Mathematics was his life and his only interest from earliest childhood onwards. He became the most prolific mathematician of his generation. writing or co-authoring 1,000 papers and still publishing one a week in his seventies. His research spanned many areas, but it was in number theory that he was considered a genius. He set problems that were often easy to state, but extremely tricky to solve and which involved the relationships between numbers. He liked to say that if one could think of a problem in mathematics that was unsolved and more than 100 years old, it was probably a problem in number theory.

in spite, or perhaps because of, his eccentricities, mathematicians revered him and found him inspiring to work with. He was regarded as the wit of the mathematical world, the one man capable of coming up with a short, clever solution to a problem on which others had laboured through pages of equations. He collaborated with so many mathematicians that the phenomenon of the "Erdos number" evolved. To have an Erdos number I, a mathematician must have published a paper with Erdös. To have a number of 2, he or she must have published with someone who had published with Erdos, and so on. Four and a half thousand mathematicians have an Erdos number of 2.

Erdős was born into a Hungarian-Jewish family in Budapest, the only surviving child of two mathematic teachers (his two sisters, who died of scarlet fever, were considered even brighter than he was). At the age of three he was amusing guests by multiplying three-digit numbers in his head, and he discovered negative numbers for himself the same year. When his father was captured in a Russian offensive against the Austro-Hungarian armies and sent to Siberia for six years, his mother removed him from school, which she was convinced was full of germs, and decided to teach him herself. Erdős one university and research centre to continue tomorrow — if I live."

received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Budapest. then in 1934 came to Manchester on a post-doctoral fellowship.

By the time he finished there in the late 1930s it was obvious that it would be an act of suicide for a Jew to return to Hungary. Instead Erdos left for the United States. Most members of his family who remained in Hungary

Erdős had made his first significant contribution to number theory when he was 20, and discovered an elegant proof for the theorem which states that for each number greater than I, there is always at least one prime number between it and its double. The Russian mathematician Chebyshev had proved this in the 19th century, but Erdős's proof was far neater. News of his success was passed around Hungarian mathematicians, accompanied by a rhyme: "Chebyshev said it, and I say it again / There is always a prime between n

In 1949 he and Atle Selberg astounded the mathematics world with an elementary proof of the Prime Number Theorem, which had explained the pattern of distribution of prime numbers since 1896. Selberg and Erdős agreed to publish their work in back-to-back papers in the same journal, explaining the work each had done and sharing the credit. But at the last minute Selberg (who, it was said, had overheard himself being slighted by colleagues) raced ahead with his proof and published first. The following year Selberg won the Fields Medal for his work. Erdős was not much concerned with the competitive aspect of mathematics and was philosophical about the

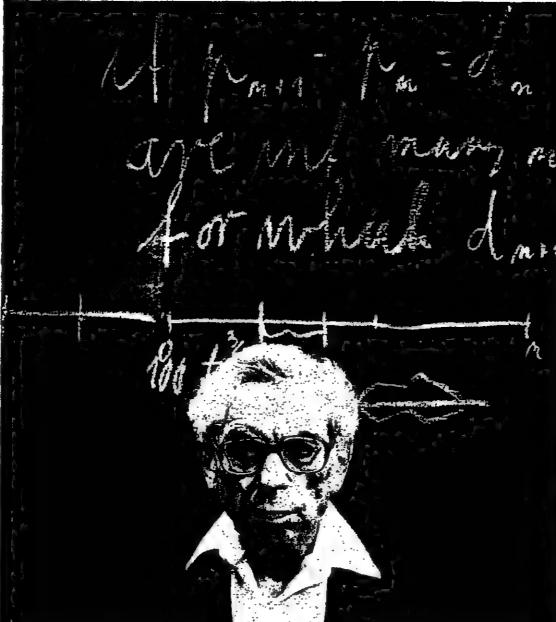
From 1954 Erdős began to have problems with the American and Soviet authorities. He was invited to a conference in Amsterdam but on the way back into the United States was interrogated by immigration officials over his Soviet sympathies. Asked what he thought of Marx, he gave a typically guileless response:
"I'm not competent to judge, but no doubt he was a great man." Denied his re-entry visa, Erdős left and spent much of the 1950s in Israel.

He was allowed back into the United States in the 1960s, and from 1964 his mother, now in her mideighties, began travelling with him. Apart from his family and old friends, Erdős had no interest in a relationship which was not founded in shared intellectual curiosity and he was content to remain a bachelor.

were killed during the war.

Not did he see the need to restrict

himself to one university. He needed no equipment for his work, no library or laboratory, instead he crisscrossed America and Europe from He would end sessions with: "We'll



the next, inspired by making new contacts. When he arrived in a new town he would present himself on the doorstep of the local most prominent mathematician and announce: "My brain is open."

He would work furiously for a few days and then move on, once he had exhausted the ideas or patience of his host (he was quite capable of failing asleep at the dinner table if the was dot mathem

After the death of his mother in 1971, Erdős threw himself into his work with even greater vigour, regularly putting in a 19-hour day. He fuelled his efforts almost entirely by coffee, caffeine tablets and Benzedrine. He looked more frail, gaunt and unkempt than ever, and often wore his pyjama top as a shirt. Somehow his body seemed to thrive on this punishing routine.

e mestyle Erdős had little need of money. He won the Wolf Prize in 1983, the most lucrative award for mathematicians, but kept only \$720 of the \$50,000 he had received. Lecturing fees also went to worthy causes. The only time he required funds was when another mathematician solved a problem which Erdős had set but not been able to solve. From 1954 he had spurred his colleagues on by handing out rewards of up to \$1,000 for these problems. He died from a heart attack at a

conference in Warsaw, while he was working on another equation.

DENIS DOWLING

Denis Dowling, operatic baritone, died on September 23 aged 86. He was born near Ranfurly, New Zealand, on June 24.

DENIS DOWLING was a one company singer. His first professional engagement in Britain was with Sadler's Wells in 1939. He had just won the Tagore Gold Medal at the Royal College of Music, the first non-instrumentalist to do so, and was immediately offered the role of Herr von Faninal in Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier. Joan Cross was the Marschallin and Walter Midgley sang the Italian Tenor, so he began in good company,

After war service he reoined Sadier's Wells for the 1948-49 season and there he staved until 1984. No one has yet calculated just how many baritone roles, large and small, he played over those 36 years, during which Sadler's Wells became the English National Opera. His final performance came during the company's tour of America. It was at the Metropolitan Opera. New York, where at the age of 74 he sang the cameo role of Prince Bolkonsky in Prokofiev's War and Peace. It was his Met debut, "Hail and farewell," Dowling was heard to murmur.

During those early days in Rosebery Avenue, when Sadler's Wells was trying to find its postwar feet under the leadership of Norman Tucker, Dowling was ready to take on any part assigned to him. First came Silvio in Pagliacci and there followed a flurry of other assorted roles. In Carmen he could have been heard as both the toreador Escamillo and the insignificant smuggler Dancairo. In Puccini he was ready to stagger on as the escaped prisoner Angelotti and then assume, later in the season, the rather more demanding part of Sharpless in Butterfly. In both big roles and small Dowling was learning fast how to make an impression on stage.

Mozart became a speciality. He was ready to play both Figaro and the Count in The Marriage of Figaro and Guglielmo and Don Alfonso, the latter an especially effective characterisation, in Cost fan eno in 1 ne M Flute was a natural and he even took the title role in Don Giovanni, which drew praise from Vaughan Williams.

Dowling repaid the compliment by appearing as the Showman in Vaughan Williams's Hugh The Drover at the Wells. One night, though, there was a price to pay. At the climax of the opera the Showman has to intervene in a prize fight. James Johnston in the title role, a butcher before he became a tenor, landed Dowling an unfortunate blow in the ribs which caused him to retire hurt for some weeks.

Despite his versatility, Dowling was not cut out to be an heroic baritone and Verdi was avoided. His strength was in comedy, where his perfect timing and diction could be put to best use.

Rossini was the natural vehicle. He excelled in the title role of a famous production of The Barber of Seville, directed by Tyrone Guthrie. Taddeo in The Italian Girl in Algiers followed, as did Dandini in Cenerentola. The latter performance was among his finest, matched perhaps by a suave Malatesta in Don Pasquale and the monocled peer, Earl Mountararat, in Gilbert and Sullivan's lolanthe.

Denis Dowling was the son of a New Zealand sheep farmer. He left school at 15 and worked on the farm. supplementing the family's meagre income as a part-time Post Office engineer and, more importantly, by singing.

Dowling's first stage role was in Planche's now almost forgotten operetta, Les Cloches de Corneville. In 1934 he won the Melbourne Sun Aria Competition and the next year made his way to London, where he was awarded a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. There he caught the eye of Lilian Baylis in the Academy's production of Nicolai's The Merry Wives Windsor, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

During the war he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and took part in the D-Day landings, but not be-fore he had appeared in a few concert parties, including one at which he met his future wife, Phyllis. After demobilisation he spent a brief period with the English Opera Group, appearing in The Rape of Lucretia and Albert

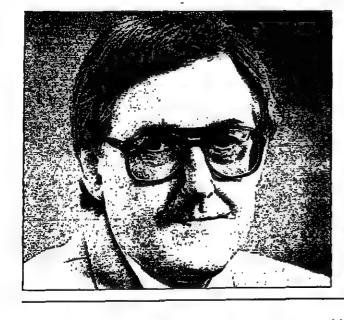
Herring.
Possibly influenced by his time in the Army, Denis Dowling was becoming a thoroughgoing English gen-tieman. His accent and diction were as immaculate as his bearing. Off stage he favoured blazers of a military cut and his manner, as he went into middle age, could be a bit gruff. He was totally devoted to the principle of opera in English, insisting that performance was about communication and that communication was only possible when the audience heard and under-

stood every word. Towards the end of his time with the English National Opera. Dowling devoted himself more and more to teaching. There were occasiona memory lapses on stage, including a famous one as Mountararat when, asking "What party we claim to belong to", he turned with great dignity to the chorus for help with the next line.

Dowling wisely chose to concentrate on small roles in which he could use all his very considerable stagecraft. As vocal adviser to the company he was a stickler for clear diction and proper etiquette on stage. However, his New Zealand roots were never forgotten. He was ready to reminisce about his early days as "The Singing Farmer", riding horseback across the fields with a sackful of poisoned carrot slices destined to keep down the rabbit population.

His wife Phyllis survives

PROFESSOR DONALD EARL



Professor Donald Earl, Professor of Classics at Hull University, 1978-88, died of liver cancer on August 20 aged 65. He was born on February 11, 1931.

IT WAS the melancholy distinction of Donald Earl to be the last holder of the chair of Classics at the University of Hull. The department closed in 1988 in a programme of cutbacks in which, ironically, he was compelled to assist. The closure was of a piece with a trend which had seen the Classics in terminal decline in those years, giving way to the undernanding new topic "classical studies", which requires no application to the language and, hence, to all intents and

purposes, to the literature or philosophy of the Greeks and Romans.

Before that, Earl had demonstrated his worth as a scholar of Latin, and of Roman History, through his four books, whose subjects spanned the life and thought of the last hundred years of the republic and the first decades of the principate of Augustus. Born in Cambridge, Donald

Charles Earl attended Cambridgeshire High School for Boys and, after National Service, went up to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he took a first in both parts of the Classical Tripos. He then started his research on Sallust under A. H. MacDonald, and this led to his PhD which was later to form the basis for his

first book, The Political Thought of Sallust.
Earl moved to the Latin

department at Leeds University in 1955. He spent a year in Evanstown, Illinois, at North-Western University during his time at Leeds and wrote his four books in this period also. Besides The Political Thought of Sallust, which appeared in 1961, he published Tiberius Gracchus (1963), The Moral and Political Tradition of Rome (1967) and The Age of Augustus (1968). Together these books consti-

tuted something approaching the framework of a survey (although they did not, of course, pretend to be a comprehensive one, since individually they covered complet separate topics) of the shift which took place in the psychology of Roman society between the age of the Gracchi and the adjustment which allowed Octavius Caesar to become, as Augustus, undisputed master of the Roman imperium. That Octavius could achieve this without offending the republican sensitivities of the Roman Senate and people (as his uncle Julius had done with results fatal to himself) was just one of the byproducts of the age explored

by Earl. He was able, especially in The Moral and Political Tradition of Rome, to show that the essential Roman virtues of gloria, libertas and dignitas were perceived by the Romans as having survived the transition from a republic to what was to become an autocracy.

In 1978 he moved to Hull to take up the chair of Classics there. But he was to occupy it for only ten years. Towards the end of 1987, Hull decided to close its Classics depart-With the fate of the discipline sealed, its scholars

looked to other (though

shrinking) pastures. Never-theless, as his erstwhile colleagues and students drifted away. Earl, who decided to stay, engaged himself with good grace in the development of the new courses on the Classics in translation, which replaced the Classics proper. In the meantime he had become Dean of Arts in 1984 and was twice re-elected. During this time, he was also elected chairman of the Council of University Classical Departments, Although in

retirement after 1988, he continued to teach Roman history at Hull part-time - courses which were much appreciated by the new race of Classical Studies students las well, of course, by the few Classics students who had not yet finished their degrees at the time of the abolition of the discipline). He was also engaged as Pro-Vice-Chancellor. an office he held until 1991. Both his marriages were

dissolved and he is survived by the three daughters and two sons of his first marriage.



Denis Dowling as Don Alfonso and Iris Kells as Despina in Cosi fan tutte at Sadler's Wells

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LD. DILHORNE REBUKES MR. WILSON

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Lord Dilhome, the Lord Chancellor, today described as a "libel on the judges" a recent suggestion by Mr. Harold Wilson, Leader of the Opposition, that the British Government were improperly influencing the judiciary. In an address to members of the west German Federal Court here, Lord Dilhone said:

"Judges, whether they be of the High Court or of the county court, have security of tenure. However embarrassing their conduct may be to the government of the day, they will not run any risk of losing their offices. They are independent of the Executive and the Execuutive has no control over them. Recently a ng politician in the United Kingdor not, I may say, a member of my party but an opponent of the Government — thought it right to allege in a speech that the Executive, the Government, were influencing the judiciary in the discharge of their duties. There is nor a street of justification for this charge, which in fact constitutes a libel on the judges.

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Lord Dilhorne, the Lord Chancellor, said that it was a "libel on the judges" when Harold Wilson, the Opposition

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prosecution in the courts, and it may be that this leading politician, with memories of that, thought it would be a useful stick with which to best the Government and to try to engineer its fall by alleging that the Executive was influencing the judiciary in the discharge of their duties. In my country the judges are independent of the Executive and not subject to the influence of the Executive If I were to be asked what I thought was the Lord Chancellor's chief job. I should tell you without hesitation that it was to preserve the independence of the judiciary, to make absolutely certain that the judges of the land are completely independent, and to protect them

from every attempt, however indirect, to undermine that independence." Lord Dilhorne, who is paying a four-day visit to west Germany, called earlier today on the burgomaster of Cologne, Herr Theo Burauen, and signed the city's golden book.

ACADEMY FIND 24 DRAWINGS BY STUBBS Twenty-four hitherto unrecorded drawings by

the English artist, George Stubbs (1724-1806), have come to light during the preparations for the Royal Academy's forthcoming exhibition. They are studies in various media for *The* Anatomy of the Horse, the great book of engravings published in 1766 which made Stubbs's name both as anatomist and as artist, and which launched him on his career as a painter of horses. A whole series of these preparatory drawings had been bequeathed to the Royal Academy in 1879 by Charles Landscer, the brother of Sir Edwin Landscer, who had bought them over 50 years before from their first owner. For some reason no record of the total number of drawings in the bequest had been entered in the Academy's archives, and though 18 were selected for mounting, the fact that another 24, un-mounted, still existed in a portfolio in the Academy library, was forgotten.

An unsuitable case for privatisation

BRENDA

har's so special about Channel
4?" Sir Robin Day can be
scathing. Bumped into at a party. he defied me to explain what all the fuss over privatisation was about. Where does this supposed distinctiveness lie? He would not take the Channel 4 Seven O'Clock News for

The point about Channel 4 cannot be made by singling out any single programme. You see things on it that you would not see on any other channel. One has the feeling that not quite so many lawyers and fact-checkers have vetted anything controversial on Channel 4, that its gays and lesbians are less scrubbed up and matey than BBC2's, and that its bought-in American material is bolder.

What's special is the way Channel 4 is

paid for. Its "remit" is not fiction, but regulatory fact, Nowhere else in the world (letters, please, if I'm wrong) can an advertising-supported commercial television channel be forced by law to be unpopular - that is, to seek out the nooks and crannies of special interests and address those.

I find it hard to take the spectre of privatisation seriously. Where's the threat coming from? Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is not keen on it. Anyway, there's no time left in the present Parliament Any change in the

status of Channel 4 would require a new Broadcasting Bill. MPs are still limp with exhaustion from the one just passed.

And can you imagine the Labour Party call for privatising Channel 4, when it has set its face against more privatisation? Tony Blair has even written to Channel 4 to say . . . Well as Blair's actual letter has not been published, reports vary as to the extent of the reassurance he has offered Horseferry Road. But it hardly matters. There are no

votes in Channel 4 for either main party. Yet the campaign to save the channel is real enough. PACT, the television producers' association, is lobbying its members to protest to their MPs. The Campaign for Quality Television will plead at the Labour Party conference that privatisation should not be allowed to happen. And the emotional performance turned in by Michael Grade, Channel 4's chief executive, at the Edinburgh Television Festival, made it seem as if

the sell-off was just around the corner. Is all this effort a mere pre-emptive strike? The ardent defenders say no way: that they are gearing up against a terrifyingly real threat that began in the back rooms of 10 Downing Street and is now alive and well and living in the Treasury.

party needs propose the privatisation. Instead, proceeds from a putative sell-off could slip into the Treasury's Red Book of future income and expenditure. Then Blair comes into power, looks at the books and pronounces that the mess is far worse than he expected and, with regret, that he is unable to forgo expected revenues. Ergo, Channel 4 ends up sold, privatised by stealth and

Still, I'm doubtful. Channel 4 would be privatised over the dead bodies of the two other commercial terrestrial channels. ITV, a.k.a. Channel 3, doesn't want Channel 4 set free to compete for the mainstream audience and advertisers. ITV is already worried about Channel 5, which has worries enough of its own. Hoping to come on air next

January, February, June or July, or whenev-er it has retuned a sufficient number of the nation's videos, Channel 5 will have trouble enough building an audience without having Channel 4 wan-

dering into its path. Perhaps the best safeguard is that no one knows what the channel is worth. A City merchant banker speaking at Edinburgh ventured that the channel is worth far less than the £1.5 to 2 billion

being headily talked about MADDOX Let's hope that the idea is too impractical to get off the ground. For, as the Campaign to Save the World Service told the Foreign Office last week in a

defence against a far more real threat "The damage will be irreversible." Should Channel 4 lose its statutory corporation status, I'll bet that Sir Robin would notice the difference. Perhaps Channel 4 should woo him for an alternative

Ouestion Time. He retired too soon.

The only time I ever heard the classic cry "Hold the front paget", a priest was responsible. It was on the improbably-named Quincy, Massachusetts, Patriot-Ledger, an afternoon suburban daily south of Boston. Just before the second edition, we heard that the fire department of a major town in the paper's circulation area had been called to the rectory of the local Catholic church. A few minutes later came the news that the fire was rather bigger than expected, then that a body had been found, then that it was the pastor.

A hush settled over the usually boisterous newsroom. The emerging picture - a smouldering pipe fallen from a somnolent hand after a glass or two or three at lunch offered a glimpse into the loneliness of daily

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ONE company has devised a novel way of enticing reporters to attend a press event. Instead of appealing to their baser instincts with the usual promise of free booze and food it is giving them an opportunity to occcupy a place on the moral high ground.

The launch next Tuesday of a directory on HIV and Aids, sponsored by GlaxoWellcome, makers of the Aids drug AZT, offers no fancy menus or vintage champagne. Instead, GlaxoWellcome promises to donate £50 for every journalist who attends to the Aids charity, Crusaid, which is

organising the event. No definition of a journalist is offered in the invitation. which comes from the PR company Burson-Marsteller. All Aids supporters, pens at the ready, are therefore advised to attend the Informa-

tion Exchange at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, in west London, at 7pm on Tuesday. October I, and see their £50 cheques safely paid over.

The invitation does not wholly eschew the usual hospitality: it promises that the presentation will be short followed by "a chance for refreshments".

NOW that Express Newspa-pers have unleashed the firing squad to carry out the 85 sackings in the wake of the 'seven-day" merger between the Daily Express and the Sunday Express, it is good to hear that the staff have not lost their sense of humour.

After watching a stream of their friends and colleagues being called in and given their tickets to the knacker's yard, they have come up with a new nickname for Richard Addis, Editor of the Daily Express. He is now affection-ately known as "Adios".

Making the news BBC viewers could soon be treated to a snazzy new-look Six O'Clock News and Nine O'Clock News. If the growing rumours at the Beeb are to be believed, a major relaunch is being considered to play News at Ten at its own game.



McDonald: in demand

The brains at BBC News. already keen to poach Trevor McDonald, have circulated a memo floating the idea of popularising the news with special themed programmes. surveys and more personality newscasters. But the workforce are concerned it will be a move downmarket. An insider said: "Most people think there is too much heavy foreign and economic coverage but let's not turn it into John Craven's Newsround."

THE National Lattert's resident clairvoyant, Mystic Meg. has apparently been showing unnerving accuracy of late. According to Camelot, her



Mystic Meg: accurate?

prophecies, made live every week on the BBC's Saturday night lottery show, have shown "an astonishing number of correct predictions".

As evidence for this phenomenon Camelot reveals that one week Meg said she could sense the names Carol and Chris and the police would be relevant. Spookily, Amanda Long, from Bir-mingham, who won £104,822 that week, is a police administration officer and, wait for it, had colleagues called Carol and Chris."

But perhaps Camelot's most desperate effort to stimulate falling ticket sales is this little gem: in March Meg

predicted winners cheques bearing the names Tim and Irene. Lo and behold Irene McBeath from Hartlepool was duly named as the recipient of a £38,000 win. Ian Davies, from Kent, also amount. There was no sign of a winner called Tim. "In fact," Camelot says, "Tim was a cat owned by Mr Davies."

Slicing tackle

MUCH gnashing of teeth can be heard coming Canary Wharf these days. In order to finance the Daily Mirrors flashy new giveaway magazine Football Mania, staff have been told that all editorial budgets must be sliced in half to save at least £500,000 by January (ie, no foreign jollies and no big expenses claims).

The Mirror Group's management makes no apologies its draconian cuts. Whingers, it says, can like it or lump it. But perhaps the news would have been fractionally more palatable had it not been announced on the day that news emerged that David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group, had netted £1.1 million by cashing in 550 shares in the company, a profit of £608,000.

Are Labour's plans going up in smoke?



Nigel Griffiths: letter to agencies

AS THE general election looms, Tony Blair and his party are busily drawing together their policies on advertising and readdressing their hitherto rather colourful pledges - in case they actually get into power and have to act

on them. Nigel Griffiths, the Labour spokesman on consumer affairs, has invited major agencies to help to shape the party's policy on ad regulation. Mr Griffiths has sent out a letter indicating his own desire to reduce the number of laws controlling advertising and suggests those interested might like to meet on October 14 to discuss the issue. At the same time, Labour's muchvaunted stance on banning tobacco ads is, perhaps not surprisingly, coming under particular scrutiny. Mr Blair is being "made aware" of how any ad ban would lead to massive job cuts within the tobacco industry, while his

attention is also being focused on

whether the proposed ban should

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worry for the sports industry because of the loss of vital revenues it would

ARGUABLY the biggest advertising campaign ever is being staged on behalf of Immarsat. a satellite communications system which enables people to send faxes from deserts and make phone calls from the tops of

mountains, should they so wish. The TV campaign, created by Publicis, is big in terms of geographi-cal cover rather than spend. The first activity covers almost every land mass apart from the North Pole and plugs the illuminating fact that only 10 per cent of the Earth is covered by conventional communications

The ads also promote the supposed necessity for people in far-flung places to get linked up to the system. At no less than \$2.000 a handset, the work

will no doubt be targeting the higher end of the socio-economic scale.

MORE news on TV shows about advertising. While BBCI continues with its excruciating Tuesday night series After The Break, Hat Trick Productions is planning an altogether more classy programme.

The company behind Have I Got News For You is planning a similarly irreverent comedy panel show that will poke appropriate fun at all aspects of the world of ads. With a working title The Ad Game, it will run initially for seven weeks next year.

A test run took place last Tuesday with none other than Trevor Beattie. advertising's very own rent-a-quote. Whether he becomes a fixture has yet to be decided, but a Hat Trick spokesman said that they will be regularly seeking willing guinea-pigs, sorry, participants, from the industry.

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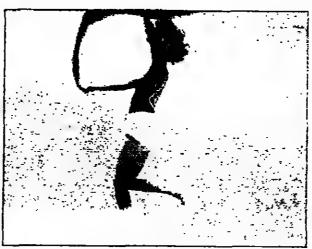
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Television ads we have loved — and one we have hated: from left, Tango orange drink, Levi's jeans, Bodyform sanitary towels, and the revolutionary I Can't Believe It's Not Butter . . . margarine with its memorable mad cows

I can't believe it's not better

Many TV adverts are boring and predictable because clients ignore what the professionals tell them, says Ruth Nicholas

American

hard-sell

following television advertisement is familiar to all of us. Woman with strangely serene expression hands chambermaid a life-changing sanitary towel, later seen climbing into the back of a car wearing paper-thin white "Waaaaahh ... Bodyform". The theme tune has the same effect as someone scraping their fingernails down a blackboard and the plot is memorable for being so unrealistic.

Elsewhere, in a luxury kitchen, one woman demonstrates to another the amazing cleaning power of Daz/Persil/ Surf soap powder and the

second pledges to buy it. Every now and then, a man in a white coat pops up to deliver the scientific explanation in grave tones. In the bathroom. woman with beaut-

adverts do not iful hair gets excitabout her work shampoo, then swishes her head over here' about a lot or, alternatively, a beauty editor gives

breathy endorsement of the brand from her swivel chair. Mass market products are responsible for the most irripatronising advertising on television, which begs the

question: why do they do it? If advertising agencies are to be believed, it is because that is the way the clients like it. "American companies are the worst," says Malcolm Gaskin, a former agency creative director. "They think that what works in the US, rantming home the buy-this-andyou-will-be-a-better-person proposition, will work here. It doesn't. We have a much more

visual tradition. Hiring an agency and refusing to accept its recommendations appears to be the course steered by many multinationals. Andrew Cracknell. Ammirati Puris Lintas chairman and executive creative director, believes that "clients just don't take advertising agencies as seriously as they

Many clients want the old favourite they have always had, an advert which has worked well in one of their

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nally failed.

many markets. Often their agencies are forced to redub or recut old films. Marketing directors want the safe option because they tend to be the most expendable member of the management team. "Some of our treatment is down to the pressures and internal politicking that marketers suffer." says Cracknell. "It is one of the few walks of life that is so public. Marketers are like football managers: three lost games on the trot and you're out two bad commercials and

Other clients do not understand the process of advertis-ing. "Clients get terribly cross and frustrated because adver-

tising seems to be a rather simple business. After all, it is only coming up with an idea, isn't it? They don't understand the process behind it and the sheer amount of effort and talent that really good advertising requires," says Chris Powell, BMP DDB chief

Newspapers, he notes, are among the worst reams of the stuff every day.

get it wrong.

tisements ever made. sal course, which took place ten days ago. Delegates are and film a television campaign

you are in trouble."

clients. "They really can't understand why you are labouring, or how you can take so they are used to producing he says. "What they don't understand is that you are trying to distil the essence of their offer and that it is imperative you get it right before you commit their money to it. Unlike them, you don't have the chance to do it

all over again tomorrow if you Clients generally recognised as being excellent to work for include Levi's and Tango who, by allowing the advertising agency the freedom to be creative and experimental. now have some of the most memorable televison adver-

Fostering understanding between clients and agencies is vital, he says. It is to this end that marketers are subjected to four days of advertising hell in the Creative Circle role revermade to conceive, script, cast



Getting back to basics: one of the new ways to advertise Levi's jeans - and an example of the freedom to be creative and experimental granted by some big-name advertisers

clients from hell, played by creative directors including Cracknell and Gaskin.

The atmosphere is wall-to-wall hys- .teria, but the expework. "It is very easy to get divorced from what your agency is doing

when you work in a big company," says a dele-gate from a blue chip company. "I had no idea how emotional it all is. You really believe in that idea you have spent blood, sweat and tears

working on." Whether delegates' newfound passion for advertising can be sustained back in the bureaucracy, politics and pressures of their marketing de-

partments remains 'Clients get to be seen. And there is another matter to be taken into account: dull advertising still

because sells product. Marketing magdoing ads azine's poll of the UK's most disliked seems to television ads last year had Chicken Tonight, Daz Autobe simple' matic, the National

very cross

Lottery, J Can't Believe It's Not Butter and Ferrero Rocher in the top five slots. They are all hugely successful brands.

Daz has used the same formula, entitled "Daz ladies talk about Daz", for almost 30 years. It may be one of the most loathed, but the campaign has won industry-recognised effetiveness awards for its ability to shift soap powder

to a certain sort of woman. Well established and consistently advertised brands such as Daz benefit from years of familiarity or residual advertising recall. The biggest brands have the biggest budgets, therefore the greatest opportunity to ram their message home through sheer

The margarine with the ridiculous name, at number four in Marketing's survey, has captured a 7 per cent share of the market since launch five years ago with its mad cows campaign. I Can't Believe . . . is actually a rare example of a mass market brand opting for mould-breaking advertising: It was the first time a margarine had taken a really "in your face" approach. It was different and it got the brand

noticed. Is it good advertising?

The shareholders do not care.

How PR firms lobby for foreign governments

Simon Brooke reports on the growing trend for agencies to take on political campaigning accounts

ravitas is a not a word usually associated with public relations officers. Even the most enthusiastic PR would have to admit their trade is more popularly aligned with frothy press releases and petfood launches.

But a trend is making PR a much more serious business. More and more British-based consultancies are being assigned to represent a wide range of foreign governments

and political parties cam-paigning in general elections. Edward Bickham, public affairs head at Hill & Knowlton (UK), has seen a steady growth in this area of work There is," he says, "an understanding by some foreign governments that their diplomatic corps may be extremely polished and able diplomats but not always communica-

policy. "International PR companies have always offered their services to governments, but in the new world order there are a lot more countries trying to play ball in the global economy to attract inward investment," says an industry insider. "There are now many more seeking admission to the industrialised world and trying to legitimise themselves."

Pakistan, and advised the Inkatha Freedom Party on campaigning in the South African elections in June. Parliamentary Liaison, a small firm consisting of former Central Office staff, has provided campaigning expertise for political parties fighting elections in countries as various as the new democracies of Eastern Europe, African states and

tion professionals." Laura Sandys of Laura Sandys Associates (LSA), which has recently been hired to work for a Hong Kong prodemocracy group, says: The UK is one of the natural places to come. We have one of the most sophisticated communications industries in Europe so organisations looking to audiences in the UK or in their own countries come here." LSA's other clients have included the Peruvian Government, which wanted to promote its environmental

As well as representing foreign governments and organisations in London, British PR firms and lobbyists act as consultants to political parties in their own countries. Ian Green Associates, the well-established Westminster lobbying

The day-to-day work in servicing foreign groups and governments is similar to that provided for domestic commercial clients. According to one senior director at a multinational agency's London ofdifferent mindset to work for a company. The best PR is about winnowing out the good stories and bringing them to journalists' attention.



Greer: campaign advice

In the United States, representing a foreign interest is well-established aspect in PR and public affairs work. APCO Associates, which represents the Hong Kong and Polish Governments at its Washington office. main wants to develop similar work

in London, a source confirms. However, experience in America also shows how PR consultancies can expose themselves to risks. During the Gulf War, Hill & Knowlton provided Kuwaiti expatriates to give evidence to congressional committes about atrocities by Iraqi troops in Kuwait in an attempt to persuade Middle America that it was right for the US to send troops to the aid of Kuwait. However effective the campaign, there were concerns about PR consultancies ap-

Laura Sandys also provides introductions to target groups for many of her foreign clients. We contact opinion-formers and those with business connections. In London Hill & Knowlton's clients have included the Government of Brazil (generally looking to present a more positive image), Botswana (promoting its environmental nitiatives), Angola (improving its postwar image) and the Czech Republic (establishing

itself after its split from Slovakia). Hill & Knowlton has been working for the Government of Turkey - "a fascinating and challenging account says Bickham, because Turkey is a major democracy and a Western ally operating in a difficult part of the world, but which gets a much worse press than it deserves."

The relationship between a PR consultancy and a client which takes the form of a foreign government is, however, different from the relationship when that client is a commercial organisation.

Bickham explains: "With commercial clients, you can quite often have an effect on policy; with foreign governments you are generally working with a policy on which you can have no influence at all. You also have to be particularly careful to remain absolutely accurate to the established political line,"

Embassies are very often the cornerstone of this work, he finds. "Even if the contract is with the government in the national capital, there is no point in a PR agency rushing around and doing things other



Brian MacArthur graph titles, but experience teaches sceptics never to say Sitting at the helm, the Editor-in-Chief Richard Addis has the backing of Fleet over. Meanwhile, there is a Street's newest media mogul. new spring in the step of the the committed Labour life peer, Clive Hollick, chief Express. It is running 32 pages of sport on Mondays. executive of the United News and Media Group. Hollick against 20 in the Mail, and has shown his mettle in the was much quicker in City, where he forged the

realising the news potential of the Runcie biography. MAI group into a major Hollick acknowledges the player. Now he seeks to tread tremendous success" of the the much more dangerous Mail, but says it is getting territory of Fleet Street where long in the tooth and has a set all his predecessors at The Express since the death of of attitudes (anti-single mothers, anti-Europe) cast in tab-Lord Beaverbrook have siglets of stone. He thinks it will be difficult for the Mail to Addis and Hollick are carrying the battle to the one of change as it confronts the newly positioned, freer-thinkthe deadliest teams in Fleet ing, more radical Express

Street - Lord Rothermere and Sir David English, chair-Since Hollick took the man and chief executive of helm, the most interesting the Daily Mail and The Mail development at the Daily on Sunday. As the Daily Express, which adored Mar-Mail was quick to point out. garet Thatcher, despised Neil sales of the Daily Express Kinnock, always stuck the have fallen by 123,000 copies boot into Labour and which a day in the ten months since was so reliably Tory that it Addis, until then one of the

Central Office leaks, has been the increasing fairness of its reporting of Tony Blair and the Labour Party.

It was to the Daily Express that Tony Blair announced Labour's new policy on health; it was for the Daily Express that he did a readers' phone-in; and the Daily Express now reports Labour with a fairness that would have been astonishing a year ago, especially in a newspaper - according to MORI which is second only to The Daily Telegraph in the proportion of readers - 51

There were two examples on the rival front pages last week. On Tuesday the Mail led on the success of Peter Lilley's fraud hotline for dole cheats. The main story for the Express was: "Blair: Labour is good for you — pledge on lower taxes and more inhs" —

per cent - who plan to vote

and the story was continued On the previous Friday

at length on page two. both papers led on Labour and the unions. The Mail beadline was: "Union blunder rocks Labour," Labour, said the Mail, had been plunged into "turmoil" by reports that Blair was ready to sever links with the

The spin was different in the Express, where Blair was portrayed as planning his biggest election gamble. "Labour to dump unions" was the main headline. There was, no "turmoil" in the Express. Instead Blair, in the greatest reform" in the party's history, was prepared to gamble on his most bitter showdown yet with his traditional rank-and-file.

t the past three elections, the three main Tory tabloids - The Sun, the Daily Mail and Daily Express - seized every opportunity to dump on Labour and derided Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock. At a forum organised by The Times, Dillons and the publisher Fourth Estate last week, Blair said he hoped

by Fleet Street at the next general election would be

His wish will be granted. certainly by the Daily Ex-press but also I suspect by The Sun and the Daily Mail. The Mail group may have its doubts about the nightmare behind Blair. But he has been wined and dined by Lord Rothermere and his editors, they are impressed and there will be no personal attacks on him as leader. Nor will there be any "Nightmare on Blair Street" in The Sun which could - just, conceivably - even tip over to Blair on election day. That would certainly reflect its readers' views: 60 per cent, according to MORÍ, intend to vote Labour against only 25 per cent for the Tories.

Although about one in two of the readers of both the Daily Express and the Daily Mail say that they intend to vote against the Tories, it is unlikely that either will advise readers to vote Labour. Whatever the personal inclinations of Hollick, the Express has been in business as a Tory paper so long that the switch would be seen as too sudden. It would, however, be an opportunity to appeal to a different segment of Middle England than the Mail and Addis could yet

surprise us all. The good news for Blair. however, is that Labour will get fairer reporting at the imminent general election than it has been given by the editors of the Tory tabloids

The phone in your pocket comes of age

Chris Partridge highlights the developments that

will stretch the networks to all corners of the Earth

he mobile phone industry is growing up. After ten years of explosive change, a period of stability has begun; the mobile phone is now an ordinary tool of business.

The four competitors, Vodafone, Cellnet, Orange and One-2-One, all offer very broadly comparable services and coverage areas, and price structures are now relatively consistent. The move to the new digital networks is proceeding steadily.

But another round of dramatic technical changes is on the way. Some will be evolutionary, such as the introduction of a wide range of data services including mobile email; others will be revolutionary, such as satellite mobile phones that will be usable anywhere on the surface of the Earth.

The current change is from the analogue Tacs system to the pan-European GSM digital system. Digital was very expensive when it was launched, with costly handsets and high call charges. The advent of the aggressive and innovative Orange changed that, and prices are now down to levels that reflect good value given the much improved signal quality of digital.

The main advantage for the business user is that GSM phones can be used over most of Europe, Australia and South Africa; this is both convenient and highly cost effective compared to using hotel phones. The big gap however, is America, where a complete failure to sort out digital policy has resulted in several incompatible systems vying for supremacy.

The ability to roam between networks and over national boundaries will be further enhanced next year with the arrival of dual standard phones able to work on high frequency PCNs (Orange and One-2-One) and on lower fre-

quency GSM networks (Vodafone and Cellnet).

GSM's other major benefit for business users is the data system, allowing a notebook computer to be linked to the phone to send and receive e-mail, swap data with the office computer or even surf the Internet. At present, the hardware needed to connect to data is expensive. But soon, phones with built-in chips for linking to computers will appear.

Already the mobile networks are beginning to carry significant volumes of data and analysts expect data to account for about half the



NEC's G8: the company's first GSM mobile phone

traffic on the cellular networks by the end of the century.

For the cellular industry, going digital will make much more capacity available and analogue services are expected to wither rapidly, and close early in the next century.

The next step will be the satellite mobile phone. Currently, even the most advanced satellite phones, such as the new BT/Telenor Mobiq, are briefcase size and need to be pointed at the right sector of the sky. This will change with the launch of a new generation of low Earth orbit (Leo) satellites over the next few years.

Leos are constellations of small satellites moving rapidly over the Earth at heights of between 400 and 6,000 nautical miles. Although they will move rapidly across the sky, several will be visible at any one time so a line will always be available.

The big player here is Iridium, pushed by the communications hardware giant Motorola and an international consortium including Cable and Wireless in the UK. Iridium plans to launch 66 satellites at a cost of more than \$3 billion; they are due to become operational late in 1998, although many observers believe this is optimistic. Both handsets and calls are likely to be expensive, but the use of dual-standard phones that will search for an available cellular line before con-

to keep running costs down.
Next in line is Globalstar, planning 48 birds (satellites) at a cost of \$1.6 billion, with commercial services starting some time after Iridium. Both handsets and calls will be cheaper. More services are projected, but the huge cost of a satellite constellation and its associated ground stations will limit the number to two or three at the most.

necting to the satellite will help

Satellite services will bring telephone lines to the ends of the Earth. This is not a prospect that appeals to the romantic explorer, or to the radio astronomers who will no longer be able to do any significant observation from Earth-bound radio telescopes — the new satellites will effectively blind them.

For the phone user, however, it will be the ultimate system — instant availability wherever you are. Mobile phones will also soon be more accessible on the ground: Jan Peters, new chief executive of One-2-One, plans to place its phones in supermarkets, DIY stores, even chemists.

The police take a dim view of drivers using a handset, says Andrew Emmerson



Caught in the act . . . police, themselves armed with pagers, are on the lookout for drivers who use cellphones at the wheel

The police take a dim view of drivers who think they can control a car while clasping a cellphone to their ear. You risk not only your own life but also those of other motorists. Yet the temptation can be strong: the phone rings, the road looks clear so your hand reaches for the phone resting on ... where has it got to?

has it got to?

Not only is this dangerous, as motoring organisations and police forces agree; it is unnecessary. Low-cost car kits can turn almost any personal phone into a hands-free model. More sophisticated systems are also available.

Malcolm Hanson of the specialist company ORA, which supplies a third of all cellphone accessories sold in Britain, says: "The car kits on the market range from simple cradies that just hold the phone within reach to complete systems that power the phone, provide hands-free microphone, speech amplifier and loudspeaker, and also link up to a more powerful external cradles are designed to fit all popular handsets, but if you want the full works with hands-free speech, it has to be model. It will need specialist fitting, too, whereas the basic

kits are a simple DIY job."
Choosing the right car kit is not difficult. You could stick to the brand with your phone's name on, but you can easily pay over the odds. There are several specialist accessory

Holding the line on safety

firms supplying quality goods at lower prices. On the other hand, And most of the cheap, no-name ones in plain white boxes are highly suspect. Stick with quality makes that include informative user litera-

ture and are here to stay. How much should you pay? Car kits are good value, but do not expect bargain-basement prices - you cannot put a price on safety. A phone that sells for \$49 is heavily subsinot. The really basic hang-up holsters start from £20 and you could pay \$800 for a tem with voice-recognition that dials the number you command it to. Reckon on £300-plus for a fully handsfree kit (plus installation) but less than £100 for something that still gives you most usefu functions. For instance, ORA now makes the TravelTalk, which combines a microphone, a speaker and a charging power cord in one. Also

can be transferred from one vehicle to another if required. If you don't expect to make many calls on the move, a lower cost holster will keep the phone accessible and you could pull in off the road when phoning. It's an even better investment if you expect to change cellphone because all popular brands will fit in the same cradle.

included in the £80 price is a

clip-on lapel microphone and

phone holder, all of which

Mid-price range kits offer

the advantage of a power lead, which charges your phone's battery, and connection to an external antenna, which will improve reception. Though personal phones work quite well inside cars, the metal body shields some of the signal and an america on the roof or wing of the vehicle is much more efficient.

Whatever the price of going hands-free, the alternative could cost you dearly. Certain police forces are cracking down on drivers seen using holding cellphones. The M40 is being targeted and the penalties could be high. Rule 43 of the Highway Code warns drivers against using handheld telephones or microphones while driving. And moving on to the hard shoulder to take a call is allowed only in dire emergency.

Ithough holding a mobile phone at the wheel is not in itself an offence, it could render you liable to prosecution for driving while not in proper control or without due care and attention — maximum fine £5,000. If that is not bad enough, you could also fall foul of government telecommunication rules.

Fully hands-free car kits need official certification, so look out for the green circle approval mark; it shows the kit has passed necessary technical tests. Remarkably, it's not illegal to sell unapproved equipment — but it is to use it.

Consider your insurance, too — mobile phones and accidents go together. An Institute of Insurance Brokers study of accidents suggests that drivers with a phone are 34 per cent more likely to have an accident.

So the cost of fitting a car kit looks a bargain. For less than £100, you can avoid the costly risk of a dangerous-driving case or — heaven forbid — causing a motorway pile-up.

Know the score with text service

Jane Bird on the growing use of phone-screens to relay data

ake a skiing holiday this winter and you might miss your favourite football team's big match. But carry a mobile phone and you could get the result displayed on its screen from a Swiss mountain top.

Alternatively, you could check the latest moves on the Stock Exchange from a Mediterranean beach, or you could get a statement of your bank balance in the Black Forest.

These are all examples of text and data services now becoming available on digital mobile phones. Most phones can send and receive text messages of 160 characters. You can tap out a quick note to a friend using a combination of the phone's numeric keys, or dial one of the growing range of information services. If your phone is not switched on when someone sends you a message, the network will keep trying to

deliver it for 72 hours.

Vodafone began experimenting with football results during the Euro 96 matches, offering half and full-time scores of all games. The experiment proved so successful that it is now continuing the service for this season's

Premiership.
The Co-operative Bank is leading the way with dial-up account details. Terry

Thomas, the bank's managing director, says: "Customers can find out instantly if a cheque has been cleared or if they can afford to pay Hand

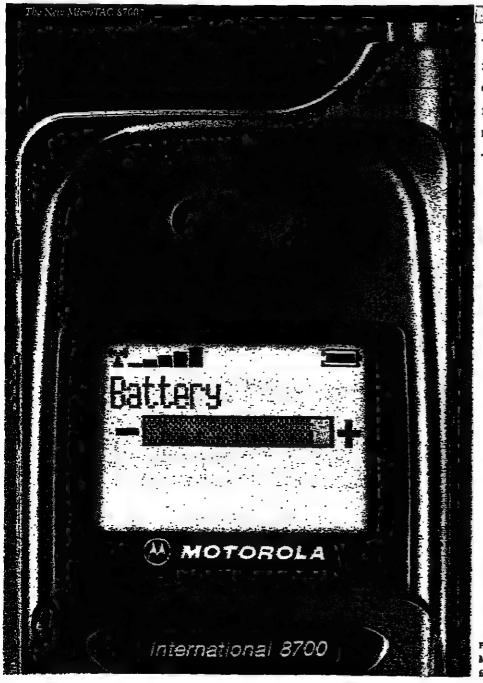
for something."

Subscribers to London-based Market Data Centre can currently get the latest details on foreign exchange, futures, precious metals, and indices. The service is proving popular according to Jeremy Oales. Market Data's managing director. "We have found a hard core of users within the City, and a number of people who use the service

igital phones are increasingly being used to exchange messages with each other or to send e-mail and faxes to computers and fax machines. This short message service (SMS) is useful in places where mobile phones are banned, such as restaurants and hospitals. When the message is received, it gives a short beep or displays an icon.

Martin Rowlett, an executive at Martin Humblin Research agency, has become an enthusiastic user of SMS. He spends a great deal of time travelling in central Europe. "It's perfect for simple messages, cheaper than conversations and for sending quick thank-you faxes, for example."

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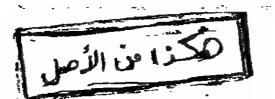
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when they had to ensure reliable

communications between the 14 participating yachts and their fam-

ilies and home bases. Billed as one

of the toughest races because it cir-

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prevailing winds and tides, the yachts will take ten months to

On the move and still talking

or those madeap people who travel round Australia on a camel or the world in a Mini, sail the oceans, and work in war zones or in the middle of a Formula One racetrack, mobile phones are a must.

They keep people in touch with support teams and emergency serices. A mobile phone can provide voice communications or be connected to a laptop computer to send faxes, e-mail messages or link in to corporate databases. In developing countries, remote areas or whengeography makes the cost of building a fixed telephonic network prohibitive, GSM mobile phones are the only practical and reliable way international travellers can do business. Ovum, the telecoms analyst, estimates that in Europe alone about 30 million people are convinced of the value of a mobile and this number will grow at a rate of 60 per cent cach year.

Combining his love of Minis with raising money for the Imper-

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Round-the-world yachtsmen or even those driving to Australia can still keep in touch with a mobile phone, says Priscilla Awde

ial Cancer Research Fund, Duncan Mortimer and his wife Yawadee drove 12,000 miles round the world in their rebuilt 18-year-old car. "The first thing I packed was my Nokia 2110 mobile which I linked up with a laptop and modern," he said. Throughout the five-month trip we had clear, instant communications with home and we were only a phone call away from spare ports. Apart from being cut off without warning by Vodaphone because of an unpaid bill which finally total-led 5500 and which we are still paying off, we had no problems."

John Treuthardt, a Formula One journalist, is able to bypass the El50 charge for a fixed phone link at Grand Prix sites to file stories around the world. Using the Nokia 2110 with a cellular data card gives him voice and data access to 40

networks worldwide. "Invaluable for the travelling business community, mobiles provide complete independence," he said. "I can write and file stories from car parks or harbour fromts without wairing for an office to open."

ealing with medical emergencies on the racetrack can be a communications nightmare, but course doctors equipped with a mobile phone can ring hospitals from an ambulance to find the best care for injured drivers.

Computeraid recently sponsored travel 30,000 miles. Each of the two teams of six amateur drivers in skippers will use a Motorola GSM mobile to phone and send data the 3,000-mile Cape to Cape Challenge from Norway to the southern tip of Spain. Raising money for back to the UK from ports as far away as Sydney and Cape Town. Spending about 330 days a year leukaemia research, the two cars used Motorola GSM phones to and at least seven hours a day on

only analogue) is for the image-conscious sector of the

market — the people who carried around the "big

bricks" of the 1980s. "You'd be

crazy to spend that amount of

money on the StarTac," he

said, "unless you specifically

wanted the smallest phone

around." He added: "The mar-

ket isn't analogue any more

Novelty features are still being introduced and

are often underused or patent-

ly of little use. Take the

StarTac's call delay, which programmes the dialler to

wait up to 99 minutes before

calling a number. These gim-

micks give an impression of

extra value but are often

enjoyed only by techno-aware

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accessories are also on the

increase, ranging from jazzy

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and for around the

same price, you could buy the Nokia

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tor, which is possibly

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ed piece of technol-

ogy anyone has introduced."

Britain's Olympic cyclist, is never in one place for long. He uses his mobile system to send performance and health data back to the team identify trouble spots and ferry dedoctor after each race. "I download lays. Talking to each other throughmy heartrate data back to the out the 64-hour journey, they also kept up morale and were able to phone in details of their progress, Organisers of the BT Global doctor using a Motorola phone teamed with a PC card which allows me to send and receive e-mail, faxes and files via a laptop," he Challenge Round the World Yacht said, "From the information I send, Race met a challenge of their own he can monitor my rate of recovery

his bicycle means Max Sciandri,

clop my training programme. I can also talk strategy with other team members wherever they are." Some mobile phones do not get such gentle treatment — as EAE, the Aberdeen supplier, can testify. "We have had handsets returned with bullet holes when used by charities in Bosnia," said John Loveday of EAE. "We also supply the offshore oilrigs where, provided they aren't further than 150 miles away, mobiles are a cheaper way of keeping in touch with land."

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Ship to shore: Motorola yacht skipper Mark Lodge makes contact

Handsets and airtime are getting cheaper and facilities are improving. Clare Johnston reports

Service Mobile phones are bulky, costly, and can be intrusive. They may be difficult to operate and, according to the Consumers' Association in a survey published last February. 12 per cent need repairs for apparently no reason within a year. Some people simply

wouldn't be seen with one. But recent developments are changing all that. Handsets can cost a matter of pounds (or even come free with airtime) and, with improved quality and slashed airtime prices, sales are increasing by about 50 per cent each year.

Since 1992, the UK penetration level has risen from 2 per cent to today's 10 per cent. According to Adam Zoldan, industry analyst for personal communications at Dataquest Europe, by 2000 there will be an estimated 16 million UK mobile phone users.

Andrew Press, commercial manager at NEC, agreed that the market has changed beyand belief. "The yuppie thing about having a mobile is old hat." he said. "Mobile phones are now seen simply as a communications tool."

The increasing proportion of consumer users has forced manufacturers to reconsider handset design. Consumers rypically emphasise cost and battery life, "Eight to ten hours of battery standby time, which means you have to recharge every day, is no longer accept-

Turning the yuppie toy into a necessity

able," said Mr Zoldan, "Now batteries last for 100-200 hours a whole week." The Nokia 1610 digital phone provides up to seven hours of airtime and 200 hours of standby time far longer than anything else on the market. Ease of use is also impor-

tant. This doesn't mean that the feature set has to be less sophisticated," Mr Zoldan said. "For example.

the menu might be on just one level, rather than having several sub levels." Motorola offers "Personality" soft-

ware on many hand-

sets, allowing you to build an individual menu of functions, while Sony's CMD-ZI has a "jogdial", allowing the user to scan, select and activate the desired function using just one finger, instead of pushing

various buttons. Displays have become bigger and clearer. A few years ago, you had to plough through the instruction book now, the phone itself will

If you're unwilling to take

business calls out of hours. StarTac (which is currently different ringing tones can distinguish particular callers, and if you don't want anyone else to hear you've got a call, many handsets will flash or vibrate rather than ring aloud. No more worries about a piercing tone jarring the effects of an important business

meeting.
If carrying a mobile seems a

'By the year 2000 there will be an estimated 16 million mobile users in the UK'

> burden, the Motorola StarTac is the smallest and lightest handset available. In size, it is easy competition for traditional pagers, but at nearly £1,000, its cost is prohibitive for all but the most well-heeled.

> Motorola claims that, because StarTac is so attractive, many users will wear it as a fashion item on a belt, in a top pocket or even pendant-

According to Mr Zoldan, the

Business users have tradi-tionally formed the majority of the market and, for them, accessories offer increased convenience in the form of moderns for data, e-mail and faxing. The boundaries of mobile

phone use are breaking down. But what happens when everyone who wants a cell phone has bought one and they are as common as remote-controlled televisions?

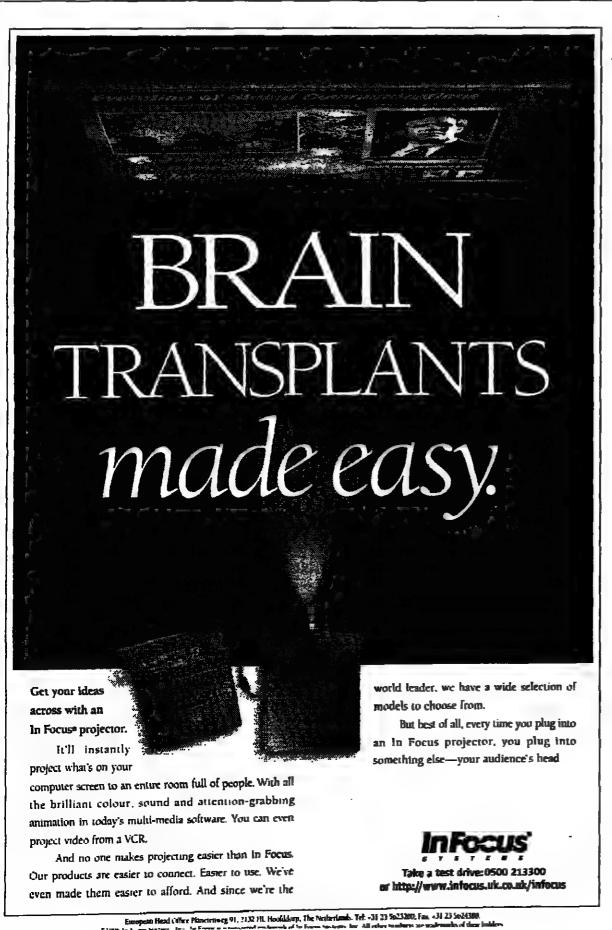
"Universal personal telecommunications" represents the next step, though it is uncertain yet what form it will take. Ericsson is testing a handset which acts as a cordless phone in the office or home, then switches to the GSM network when you're out and about. With just one number, it can be used on the fixed or cellular networks, but it will probably not be available until 1997. Phones which switch between digital networks are also on the cards.

However, whether we will need the fixed network at all is another matter. Mobile phones, unlike fixed phones, can be used anywhere and price is dropping all the time.

Other innovations include dual-mode handsets that can be switched between cellular and satellite systems, which mean that by 2000 users will be confident of service anyvhere worldwide, regardles of roaming agreements, holes in coverage or incompatibilities.



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Major fights for unity on EU

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☐ General: some eastern parts may

start bright but cloud and showers, already over western parts, will spread during the morning. Else-

where brighter weather will move in. Winds from between south and west.

London, S E England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:

mostly cloudy with rain or showers.

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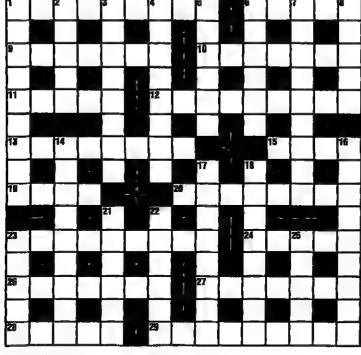
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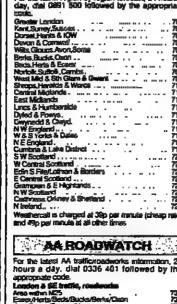
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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 1996

George Walker's £6m award puts Brent Walker in peril



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BRENT WALKER, the ailing leisure group, faced the threat of collapse last night, after a judge in France granted an award for more than £6 million in favour of George Walker, the company's founder. Brent Walker immediately appealed against the decision, which, if upheld, could consign one of the last symbols of 1980s expansionism to the corporate scrapheap.

Bankers to Brent Walker had previously threatened to place the company in receivership if the French action went in Mr Walker's

favour. Michael Coleman of Harkavys, Mr Walker's solicitor, might also seek a winding-up order on the company, although any such action is frozen pending an appeal. Mr Coleman expects an appeal to be heard within three to six months.

The court outcome poses a threat to the planned disposal of the Pubmaster pubs chain, on the market at £200 million. It could also have a bearing on any future sale of William Hill, the betting chain, which Brent Walker bought from Grand Metropolitan for £685 million in 1989.

The French action relates to events in 1989, when Holt Freres, a Walker family trust, provided a loan of £20

million towards various French transactions. Half the sum was repaid, leaving Brent Walker with £10.2 million to repay - an amount that Mr Walker alleges was recorded as such in the company's accounts for four consecutive years. With interest, the amount has risen to £18 million.

Pursuit of the funds was suspended until the conclusion of court proceedings against Mr Walker, who was ousted as chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker in 1991. He was cleared of theft and false accounting, and subsequently discharged from bankruptcy. Proceedings were begun in June 1995 after negotiations broke down. Brent Walker says that it was

agreed orally that the loan would be offset against other liabilities. Mr Coleman said that the judge

seemed to have allowed for some of the money to be offset, resulting in a iudement in favour of Holt Freres in the sum of about £6.25 million, including interest. Mr Walker, who is pursuing interests in televised racing in Russia, said that he was "delighted" with the French ruling, adding: "It's a clear case that they owed the money." Brent Walker said that the judgment was unenforceable pending appeal.

Brent Walker remains in a precarious financial position, and last week reported losses before and after tax of £51.6 million in the half year to June

30. Bank borrowings stood at £1.484 million at June 30, and net liabilities had risen to £1,186 million.

Analysts believe that the group can hope to raise only about £700 million from disposals. William Hill has been for sale since 1991, when Brent Walker was rescued by its bankers, led by Standard Chartered, in a £1.6 billion operation. Bass is understood to have en in talks earlier this year, but balked at the £500 million price.

Analysis expect the pubs business to fetch about £200 million, Brighton Marina was recently sold to a Sussex

company for £9 million. Brent Walker shares closed unchanged at 24 p.

UK and US interest rates stay on hold

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE US Federal Reserve vesterday left American interest rates unchanged in a decision which came as a great relief to the Clinton Administration in the run-up to the Presidential election in November. UK interest rates were also left unchanged.

The Federal Open Market Committee met yesterday and opted to leave the key Federal Funds rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent. There had been intense speculation about whether the American central bank would raise rates to slow down the economy and head off inflationary pressures.

A poll conducted by Reuters before the meeting found that 31 of 55 economists expected the Fed to raise rates. The news that there was to be no change boosted the Dow Jones industrial average by 30 points but the key index then settled back for only modest gains. The Treasury bond market reacted favourably. pushing the benchmark 30year up by more than a half point and the yield down below the key 7 per cent level.

AT&T, the America telecoms

group, shocked Wall Street

yesterday with a warning that profits for the rest of the year would be substantially below expectations.

Robert Allen, chairman,

said that competitive pres-

sures and investments in

areas such as on-line and

wireless capabilities meant

that results in the third quarter would be about 10

per cent below Wall Street's

estimates of 92 cents a share.

Fourth-quarter results would

also fall short of current

expectations of 89 cents a

share. Mr Allen said: "We

currently believe that com-

petitive pressures will contin-

ue for the remainder of the

year, and we are intensifying

After the announcement

before recovering to trade

AT&T shares fell 8 per cent

our marketing efforts."

Before the FOMC meeting President Clinton told reporters that he was very pleased that America was enjoying strong growth with no sign of inflation. Other Administration officials have implicitly expressed their opposition to higher rates by emphasising evidence that inflationary pressures remain low.

The Fed was faced with conflicting evidence on the economy. Growth in the second quarter was strong, at 4.8 per cent, but the third quarter has already seen signs of slowing. On the prices side, there has been some evidence of rising wages pressures but other inflation indicators have remained very low.

In Britain, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, also resisted pressure for higher rates. Despite the Bank of England's stated desire to see monetary policy tightened, there was no sign of a rate change yesterday after the monetary meeting on Monday afternoon.

Both Bank and Treasury teams would have seen yester-day's figures for growth and

\$3.25 lower at \$54. The profit warning by AT&T, often regarded as beliwether

of US industry, is likely to

undermine the stock mar-

ket's belief that corporate

profits were improving in the second half of the year.

Mr Allen said the compa-

ny's proposed split into three distinct businesses

was proceeding as expected. AT&T, the traditional long

distance telephone services

company, has filed to pro-

vide local phone services in

all 50 states after a change

in rules governing the in-

dustry. The new rules allow

local and long distance oper-ators to invade each other's

markets. AT&T has already

seen the creation of power-

ful alliances among new competitions which will

challenge its dominance of

the long distance market.

AT&T warning

shocks market

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

the current account in the second quarter which showed a stronger economy so far this year than previously thought. Second-quarter gross do-

mestic product increased by a revised 0.5 per cent instead of the 0.4 per cent reported previously and first-quarter cantly to 0.6 per cent from 0.4

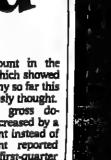
mean that interest rates shouldn't have come down earlier this year and should have been raised this week." However, there is also a

that rates should be left on that neither needs policy easing nor would be able to cope with policy tightening - it is surely on hold."

There were upward revi-

at only 1.7 per cent. The British Retail Consor-

Detailed figures for Britain's balance of payments performance in the second quarter were also released yesterday. They showed that the current account moved surprisingly into the black. There was a surplus of £457 million compared with a deficit of £786 million in the first quarter, largely because of bumper invisible earnings, ac-



Richard Jeffrey, chief economist at the Charterhouse Group, said: These figures

camp in the City which argues hold. Simon Briscoe of Nikko Securities said: "The data leave the impression of an economy further evidence that policy is

sions to consumer demand, services and construction which support a hawkish view on rates. However, supporting the doves was confirmation of stagnant industrial production, up only 0.1 per cent quarter on quarter, and the fact that the GDP deflator, a key inflation indicator, stood

tium acknowledged that there was a strengthening trend in consumer spending but said that this did not herald the start of an inflationary consumer boom. Andrew Sent-ance, the BRC's chief economic adviser, said that the case for a rise in interest rates was weak. He said: "There are still many negative influences on the consumer, including job insecurity, negative equity and memories of falling house prices in the

cording to the Office for National Statistics.



Derek Mapp, the managing director, will receive just over £6.4 million for his 6.7 per cent stake in Tom Cobleigh

Rank pays £95m

for Tom Cobleigh By PAUL DURMAN

THE Rank Organisation, owner of Butlin's and the Hard Rock cafes, is paying 195.6 million for Tom Cobleigh, the pub group — equivalent to more than \$1.5 million for each of the compa-

ny's 61 pubs. Rank intends to accelerate the growth of Tom Cobleigh, al-ready expanding rapidly into Lancashire and the North East, by introducing pub restaurants into its cinema complexes and multi-leisure centres.

Tom Cobleigh's attraction for Rank lies in the high proportion of food sales, which represent roughly half total revenues in its newer and larger pubs. Andrew Teare, Rank's chief executive, said Rank lacks exposure to the

eating-out market. The Rank deal will make millionaires of Tom Cob-leigh's four executive directors: Derek Mapp, Ken Pratt. David Bond and Maggie Pearson. Mr Mapp, managing director, will receive just over E6.4 million for his 6.7 per cent stake. Mrs Pearson will make £1.8 million, Mr Pratt El.5 million and Mr Bond £1.3 million. All four have agreed to stay on to

develop the business after Rank offered them three-year incentive packages

A former publican, Mr Mapp, 46, started trading from a single pub in January 1992 after Mansfield Brewery made him redundant. By the time the company reached the stock market last November, it was valued at £60 million. The company's slogan is "Unspoilt pubs for nice people".

Rank, which is offering cash of 240p a share, has secured irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer from Tom Cobleigh's directors and from its largest shareholder, European Acquisition Capital, the enture capital firm that provided the company's initial finance. Together, these shareholders own 61.5 per cent of the company

It was EAC, owned by SE Banken of Sweden, that called time on Tom Cobleigh's short stock-market life when it put its 50 per cent stake up for sale. The company will receive £47.8 million for its stake, more than 42 times the £10.3 million it invested.

Pubs to riches, page 29

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UBS fined over concealed £9m losses

BY ROBERT MILLER

UBS, the merchant bank, has been fined £20,000 by a City watchdog after two traders concealed paper losses of more than £9 million on the London

derivatives markets. The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, said yesterday that Mark Larkin, 37, a US citizen who formerly worked at Salomon Brothers and Credit Suisse First Boston, had

reprimanded, fined £2,000 and required to pay costs of £6,000.

Mr Larkin, who was head of convertibles and warrants trading at UBS, which also had to pay costs of £8,000. was expelled from the SFA's register of managers. He was sacked in November 1994, when the irregularities were discovered by the Swiss bank, which reported its findings to the SFA.

The SFA said that between July and October 1994 Mr Larkin, who is reputed to have earned a £500,000 derivatives markets and concealed those trades by failing to book them on execution and then "warehousing" the trades with his French counterpart. Mr Larkin, who accepted that he breached City rules relating to "high standards of integrity and fair dealing", had a

loss on his positions of £442,586. Mr Keen, 29, who also left UBS in November 1994 and subsequently worked for three months at Tradition Bond Brokers, breached SFA rules in overvaluing the UBS holdings. It is understood that after a highly successtraders were caught out by the bond market crash early in 1994. The secret trades were made in a bid to retrieve loss-making positions but were discovered by UBS compliance officers. A UBS spokesman said: "We regret the incident, but it was more than two years ago and remedial action was taken immediately."

In June, Crédit Suisse, a rival Swiss bank, was fined £38,000 by Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, and ordered to pay compensation of F36 000 to nearly 900 investors after a

Cornwell announces scrip issue

Shares of Cornwell Parker rose sharply after the fur-niture and fabrics company announced plans to enfranchise its 'A' nonvoting stock through a two-for-three compensatory scrip issue to holders of voting shares. The ordinary shares rose 65p to 240p, while the 'A' shares fell '4p to 165p.

The company also announced a rise in profits, before tax and exceptional items, to £3.6 million (£1.04 million), in the year to July 31. After exceptional costs there was a loss of El million (£936,000 loss). The loss per share was 5p (2.4p loss), but the total dividend is lifted to lp (0.6p), with a 0.7p final.

Hodder over the worst

Hodder Headline, the book publisher, expects im-proved results as it emerges from the turmoil caused by the collapse of the net book agreement, the price pact between publishers. Tim Hely Hutchinson, chief executive, said: "I think the worst is over. There was a definite upswing in sales in

Hodder reported pre-tax profits of £519.000 (£2.14 million) in the half year to June 30. The interim dividend, due on November II. is unchanged at 2p.

Doulton deal

Royal Doulton, the manufacturer of ceramic tableware and giftware, is buying Caithness Glass for £5.47 million. Caithness, based in Scotland, designs and manufactures hand-made coloured glass giftware. In 1995 it made pre-tax profits of £555,000. Caithness is expected to have net debts of £1.2 million on completion.

Secure payout

Secure Trust Group, the financial services company, has increased the interim dividend 9.1 per cent to 6p a share after lifting pre-tax profits to £4.5 million (£4.2 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose 7.6 per



Hugh McCoy, right, managing director of Horace Clarkson, the shipbroking group, and Rob Ward, finance director, reported £1.7 million profits (£2 million)

Annington's £1.66bn deal for MoD homes going ahead

By George Sivell

PLANS by a Japanese-led consortium to buy British military married quarters went ahead yesterday with the formal exchange of contracts on the controversial £1.66 billion sale, first revealed in The Times.

The Annington Homes consortium, led by Japan's Nomura Bank, will complete the deal in six weeks' time when it will take pos-

BY FRASER NELSON

JOHN WARDLE and David

Makin, co-founders of the

John David Sports chain, are

to share a £70 million holding

in their company when it

session of 57,400 homes, 2,400 of which are empty.

Around £100 million of the

proceeds will be retained by the Ministry of Defence to upgrade all married quarters over the next five to seven years but the rest of the sale price will go into central government coffers.

The Nomura involvement angered Second World War veterans. The consortium of Nomura, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Hambros Bank,

1981 after Mr Wardle left the

Civil Service at 36, and Mr

Makin left school at 18. After

capitalising on the surge in

demand for casual sportswear

in the mid-80s, they now run

61 outlets across the UK. The

Midland Bank, Abbey National Treasury Services and Amec also attracted controversy because it included Conservative Party contributors.

The consortium is chaired by Sir Thomas Macpherson, a distinguished former soldier and holder of the Military Cross. Air-Vice Marshal Alexander Hunter, former Commander British Forces Cyprus and now chairman of the Home Housing Association, is deputy chairman.

damage and trading losses amounted to £650,000, to be

in the year to March 31, the

company made pre-tax profits

of £6.71 million on sales of

£56.4 million. Forecasts for the

put interim pre-tax profits at

charged as an exceptional.

founders to share £70m holding

Members of the Commons Defence Select Committee are demanding that ministers and officials appear before them to answer questions on the sale.

James Arbuthnot, the Defence Procurement Minister, said yesterday: "We have secured a very good price for the taxpayer in a competitive auction. Service families will start to see the benefits as a massive programme of housing improvement, made possible by the sale, comes on stream."

£4.3 million, and earnings of

will own 69.5 per cent of the company, which is expected to

reach a total value of £100

million. They hope to raise

THE Institute of Directors yesterday urged Kenneth Clarke to avoid income tax

cuts in the Budget and, in-stead, reverse the "alarming"

level of public borrowing by

cutting public spending by up

to £7 billion as a precursor to

more radical reforms after the

Leaders of the IoD support-

ed Mr Clarke remaining as

Chancellor in spite of the row over his remarks on a European single currency but were

critical of the Government's

record on public borrowing.

vhich was "a blot on Britain's

The IoD said it expected

that, for electoral reasons, the

Chancellor is likely to take up

to E2 billion off taxes in the

Budget by cutting the basic

rate of income tax, and that

any public spending cuts will

not be as far-reaching as they

would like to see to bring public borrowing more rapid-

But they gave warning that such a Budget would do damage to Britain's economic

prospects and performance, and urged Mr Clarke to take

action in the longer-term interests of the economy. Today,

ly back towards balance.

general election.

Mr Makin and Mr Wardle

6.67p per share.

The new arrangements give us the flexibility we need to tackle the problem of empty Ministry of Defence homes. and concentrate on the quarters we need, not the ones we don't." He said that the position of the service families was protected by legal docu-mentation and he was confident there would be a constructive partnership based on Annington's "full understanding of service interests and concerns".

Mr Arbuthnot went on:

However, the MoD has dropped the controversial site exchange option clause that would have allowed Annington to acquire vacant possession of some sites by offering identical housing to service families elsewhere.

instead, Annington will have to wait 25 years before it can go ahead with the swap scheme, which will be avail-

leaders of the CBI will also

press Mr Clarke not to cut

personal taxes at the risk of

mission to the Chancellor the IoD said that "given the state

of the public finances, there is

clearly a case for saying that

there is no room at all for tax

The institute said it accepted

that without some tax changes there was a danger of allowing

the "momentum of tax re-

form" to come to a complete

halt. However, the position of

the public finances showed such an "alarming lack of

progress" that there was scope

only for some reduction in

capital taxation, including

decoupling from personal and

corporate taxes the tax on

capital gains, and increasing

from £200,000 to £250,000 the

threshold at which inheritance

IoD leaders said that there

were "unmistakable" signs

that the "feel-good" factor was

now returning. But they wanted to see "fundamental and

radical reforms" in public spending — whichever party won power — especially on welfare spending.

tax becomes payable.

cuts in the next Budget".

damaging the economy. In its Budget planning sub-

IoD urges Clarke

to cut spending

not income tax

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Jersey accepts limited liability partnerships

JERSEYS parliament has approved the controversial legislation that will allow limited liability partnerships to be registered in the island. The new law, the first of its kind outside the United States, was introduced at the behest of Price Waterhouse, the accountants. It will protect partners' personal assets in the event of a successful claim for damages,

with only the partner deemed to be at fault still liable.

Other large accountancy firms have indicated they may also make the move to Jersey, prompting Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to consider the introduction of similar legislation in the UK. Other jurisdictions, including Bermuda, Australia and the Isle of Man, are also said to be considering allowing limited liability partnerships. The eventual vote — 38 in favour, seven against and one abstention - belied the acrimonious nature of the three dehates that the States of Jersey has had on the law.

Chelsfield assets grow

CHELSFIELD, the property company behind the big retail and leisure development at White City in west London, reported a 13 per cent rise in net assets to 197p a share at June 30 from 174p a year ago. Total net assets were £403 million, up from £281 million previously. In the first six months of the year, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £6 million from £4.3 million. Earnings were 3p a share, rising from 2.3p. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.2p a share from 1.1p. The shares rose lp to 281p.

France seeks new terms

FRANCE has notified the European Commission that it wants to renegotiate the bail-out of Credit Lyonnais, the statecontrolled bank. The Government wants to renegotiate the rate charged on a Fr119 billion loan granted by the bank to a state-backed rescue vehicle. The Government forced Credit Lyonnais to extend the loan at below market rates to make it bear some of the cost of the expansion spree that brought the bank close to collapse. But the loan now threatens to drive it into loss again this year.

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More O'Ferrall ahead

MORE O'FERRALL, the outdoor advertising company that owns the Adshel brand, has lifted its pre-tax profits to £6.2 million, from £4.7 million, in the half year to June 30. The company said that Adshel's sales were 27 per cent higher, with new business secured from BMW, Kellogg, Pepsi and Procter & Gamble. Earnings per share rose to 12.4p, from 9.3p. The dividend is increased to 3.6p a share, from 3.4p. Frank Knight, chairman, said that the outlook for the rest of the year was encouraging.

Southern's mixed news

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS reported a 62 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £18.8 million in the year to June 30, on turnover that grew 5 per cent to £88.9 million. However, profits were hit by the sharp rise in newsprint costs. Excluding exceptional gains, which included the sale of the company's premises in Southampton, profits were up only marginally to £11.6 million. There is a final dividend of 13.25p to be paid on November 7, making the total dividend 17.75p.

Sales increase at MFI

MFI Furniture Group reported increased sales during the summer months, up i7 per cent for the first 21 weeks of this financial year compared with the same period last year. Speaking at the company's annual meeting yesterday Derek Hunt, chairman, said UK retail sales were ahead by 13 per cent, despite a 1 per cent reduction in the average trading area. In France, where sales have grown by 35 per cent with a 25 per cent increase in trading area, six stores have opened since the year end, increasing the network to 92 stores.

Xenova wants SE listing

XENOVA, the UK biopharmaceuticals company that floated on America's Nasdaq market in 1994, said yesterday that it is to list on the London Stock Exchange and intends to raise £25 million through an institutional placing. It said that because most of its business is in Britain it needs domestic shareholders to help to fund growth. The institutional funds will be used to develop two anti-cancer drugs and a cardiovascular drug. Xenova develops drugs from naturally occurring micro-organisms, such as fungi and bacteria.

First dividend for Vero

VERO GROUP, the supplier of racks and enclosures for the telecommunications and electronics industry, is paying a maiden interim dividend of 2p a share after reporting an increase in pre-tax profits to £7.4 million before tax in the half-year to June 30 — up from £6.2 million. Earnings were 8p a share compared with 7.7p last time. These are the company's first results since its flotation in December 1995. On the Stock Exchange, the shares, placed at 220p, closed 12p lower at 2012p.

Britton defies demand

BRITTON GROUP, the acquisitive packaging and plastics company, lifted pre-tax profits to £11.06 million from £9.7 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 5.76p (5.3p) a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.32p (1.2p) a share. The shares rose 5p to 1462p. During the period the company completed six acquisitions at a cost of £14 million. Robin Williams, chief executive, said the increase in profits was achieved against a background of weak demand and during a period of significant investment in both divisions.

Enterprise Oil names new chief executive

BRITISH GAS is to lose its exploration and production chief. Pierre Jungels is to leave to become chief executive of Enterprise Oil after just a year in the iob.

Enterprise, the independent exploration and production company, will be led by Dr Jungels from January, when he will succeed Mike Pink, the current managing director, who is retiring. Graham Hearne, Enterprise chairman, is to stay on. Dr Jungels has worked for Petrofina and Shell.

Enterprise is expanding its operations from its North Sea base to Norway, Italy, South America and the Middle East.

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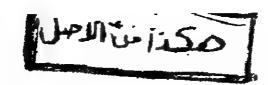
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☐ Wanted: revolving door that holds millions ☐ Labour's plans for white collar crime ☐ Do's and don'ts for small investors

Awaiting the mutual flood

☐ THE Norwich Union is considering hiring the London Arena capacity 12,000, to house those of its policyholders who turn up next spring to debate the mutual insurer's future. As the Norwich has about 3 million of these, what size venue will be needed for the Halifax, total investors 9 million? Wembley Stadium? Or would an open-air

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concert at Hyde Park be more cust-effective? More pertinently, is Corporate Britain plc ready for the arrival of all these new private shareholders, including those from the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester, which have also said they also to convert Or also said they plan to convert? Or should some sort of device be put in place to allow any reluctant

capitalists to convert their shares swiftly and cheaply into cash? When the share certificates arrive, some time next summer in the case of the Norwich, most will be filed away in a bottom drawer and forgotten. This was the experience of the Abbey National: 5.5 million shareholders in July 1989, 2.5 million now. Half the defectors left in the first year. Of those 2.5 million left, nearly all have the original investment, worth £130 then and £600 now. They are, in every sense of the word, passive investors - only 1,500 turned up to annual meeting this year.

There were 3 million people in

shareholdings in 1980; ten years of privatisations later this number had peaked at 11 million, and it is now back to 9.5 million. Clearly this wave of new inves-tors will be dwarfed by the arrivals from demutualisations. All told, and assuming some level of overlap between different mutuals. 15 million people could become shareholders. It is impossible to say how many of these themselves overlap with the existing 9.5 million, but by

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capitalists in due course.

This cannot, by any definition, be seen as widening and deepening share ownership, the avowed but failed intent of privatisation. This summer's Weinberg report into private share owership showed that almost two in five direct investors, some 3.4 million people, held shares in just one company alone. Demutualisation could raise this passive shareholder base three- or fourfold.

some estimates half the adult

population could be investing

Financial services businesses have mixed feelings about such huge shareholder registers. They

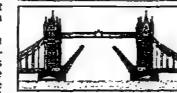
direct are expensive to administer, but en years they provide a wonderful data hase for marketing their prod-ucts - there is little effort involved in slipping a leaflet in

with the annual report. They also help defuse criticism that the company, once demu-tualised, is unaccountable to its customers, since they and the shareholders are one and the same. But several mutuals could reasonably look at a revolving door for those who wish to exit as soon as they arrive. By contrast with the other horrors of going public, a cheap share dealing service, through Sharelink or its like, should be a doddle.

Fighting fraud with conviction

AS with much of New Labour policy, the aim of restoring investor confidence in the City is entirely laudable, if a little bland. Where the arguments start is over the means. Few would argue with the need to re-write the Financial Services Act. But the party's intention to fold the present set-up of three separate

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self-regulatory organisations looking after retail services, fund management and brokers and futures dealers into one giant Securities and Investments Board (promptly dubbed super-

SIB) is rather less convincing.

The latest suggestion, that a
Labour Government could bring
the Serious Fraud Office under the umbrella of the SIB, possibly as its criminal prosecuting arm, looks even more questionable. That we need new legislation is beyond doubt; ditto some change, in the light of last week's Maxwell farrago, in the way prosecutions are tackled. Labour has recognised what the City has been saying for a long time: the cost and complexity of the

protected. The present Government has always said that re-form can be achieved under the existing legislation without re-sort to new laws, providing the current trio of watchdogs have the necessary will. But much has happened in the financial services markets in the past eight years. There are so many grey areas of what exactly is an

authorised investment scheme -

ostriches, Titan-style money circulation schemes and the like.

An incoming Labour Govern-ment will need to look at the problem in first entirety. This means, for example, studying the civil role played by the Department of Trade and Industry in prosecuting insider dealing as well as how to stop the new super-SIB from becoming a bloated bureaucracy. In terms of the SFO, Labour might consider giving it new powers, and a matching budget, to set up its own police force rather than having to beg already stretched resources from regional fraud squads. We all want to see confidence in the system re-

stored, but this can only mean

giving the various authorities, both criminal and civil, the necessary powers to wipe out white collar fraud.

Seven steps to a happy AGM

☐ YESTERDAY saw the publication of the Guide to Best Practice at Annual Meetings by the Institute of Chartered Sec-retories and Administrators. This worthy, 24-point blueprint for the relationship between shareholders and their management povers most bases, but a few important points seem to

have been missed: Investors may be offended by signs of conspicuous consump-tion. Any hotels hired for meet-ings should be at the scruffier end of the range. If only plush venues are available, a suitably grotty feel can by achieved by the use of garish overhead lighting.

Directors should, on taking questions from the floor, adopt a tone of patronising superciliousness - think how you might address an enthusiastic but not

 Always remember that what-ever private investors say, the block votes from the City institutions are already in the bag. Impertinent questions about pay can safely be ignored. If they persist, see above.

For their part, shareholders have a duty to ensure any such have resulted to the safe and the safe and

impertinence is met with cat-calls, cries of "Sit down!" and oleaginous praise of the board. A few impoverished employees scattered incognito among the crowd always come in handy here, especially if the advance publicity suggests that the meeting could prove tricky.

• Shareholders should ensure all questions are as rambling, halting and vague as possible. Plenty of detail and personal anecdote should be included, but any attempt at brevity might be taken as rudeness.

 Pack plenty of plastic bags just one private shareholder, so armed, can carry away a surprising amount of the buffet lunch afterwards.

One or two boards, in a shocking display of meanness, have tried in recent years to restrict the free samples on offer - for some reason the drinks groups are the worst offenders. Never forget, as shareholders you own the company. Directors have their snouts permanently in the trough — your chance comes but once a year.

McAlpine held back by housing division

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL

HOUSING cast a shadow over a return to health at Alfred McAlpine as the company emerges from a lengthy restructuring pro-

Pricing pressures in new housing were "Intense" in the first half of this year and margins were down on the same period last year, McAlpine reported. Profits in the division fell to E2.5

million (£6.4 million).

The inclusion of loss-making Partnership Housing, which works with local authorities and housing associations, helped to drag down the division. Sir Terence Harrison, chairman, also said there had been unanticipated delays in

land acquisition.
Overall, McAlpine lifted pre-tax profits to £1.6 million from last year's £100,000 interim - a figure suppressed by restructuring charges and losses from discontinued busi-

Sir Terence said McAlpine was beginning to see the benefits of its reorganisation and he predicted an improved performance in the second half. But he struck a gloomy note over the Government's Private Finance Initiative, saying the market place had not been helped by continuing de-

The interim dividend. payable November 29, is held at 3p.

Tarmac losses grow to £58m as construction finds it tough

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

TARMAC has axed 1,400 jobs in its transformation into a construction and aggregates business after the big assets swap that it conducted with

More than 1,100 employees have already gone or agreed to go, with the remainder of job losses still to be found. The depletion of the 26,000 workforce is part of a fundamental change to Tarmac, for which the company has set aside £65

Pre-tax profits of Tarmac, which has given warning that the construction markets to which it is exposed remain tough, fell deeper into the red with a £58.3 million loss. At the same point last year Tarmac made a loss of £15.9 million.

The company, which parted with its housebuilding operation for Wimpey's aggregates arm, said that integration of the new business would deliver annual cost savings of more than £35 million. It gave warning, however, that these would take a while to show through, especially in con-struction. A chunk of the £18 million of cost savings made in building materials is expected to move through in the last half of this year, but construction's cost savings may not show until next year.

Underlying profits fell substantially, to £6.7 million, from £29.1 million in 1995. Tarmac blamed a series of problems in construction. It said that volumes in UK heavy building materials had been badly hit by substantial cuts in

road building, and that bad weather and generally tough markets had also taken their toll. Revenues from road maintenance also slipped.

Neville Simms, chief executive, said the performance was unrepresentative because the figures came amid a period of transition for Tarmac. He said: "In a year of transition for the group, the results for the first half are neither representative of the true underlying performance of the businesses, nor of their potential." He said that the medium-term outlook was promising.

The company promised action on its gearing, which Wimpey integration. It in-

tends to reduce it to between 30 and 40 per cent within a couple of years. Chris Bunker. finance director, said that Tarmac would make further cost savings beyond those gained from the fusion of the Wimpey business.

Tarmac's exposure to overseas markets has increased to about 28 per cent of its sales. from 20 per cent. It was this area that has offered some immediate boost to the company in the first half of this year, with improved margins in North American heavy building materials.

The interim dividend, due on December 6, is being



Neville Simms, Tarmac chief executive, with railway maintenance equipment

QMH looks at German upturn to aid recovery

QUEENS Moat Houses, the debt-laden hotels group, said

A turnround in Germany is crucial because the German portfolio accounts for almost one third of the com-

Interim operating profits in Germany fell by £1 million to £1.7 million, but there are signs that a revival is close. Michael Cairns, chief operating officer, said: "We think the German market has bothotels there has pretty much come to an end."

The upswing continues in the UK. Operating profits in the UK hotels division rose 31

number of parties".

Queens Moat reported a half year to the end of June.

an expected upnum in the German market and continued strength in the British leisure sector will help to put it on the road to rehabilitation.

pany's business.

per cent to £19.1 million and like-for-like occupany rates were up 2.1 percentage points o 67.4 per cent. Analysts think that the cycle has another year

or two to run. Queens Moat hopes to take advantage of the buoyant industry to sell 27 of its 77 British properties. Cliveden, the luxury hotels group, is negotiating to buy the Royal Crescent Hotel in Bath, but the identiries of potential buyers for the rest have not been disclosed. Andrew Le Poidevin, finance director, would say only that we have a lot of interest and we're in discussions with a

pre-tax loss, before exceptional items, of £3.1 million in the

million because of disposals.

The company said that it is

meeting its debt schedules and

expects to repay £20 million in debt this year, £30 million next

year and £50 million in 1998.

Net borrowings were £991.5

million at the interim period.

compared with a profit of £700,000 previously. Turn-over dropped slightly to £222.8

against £1.02 billion at the end of 1995. Tempus, page 28 **Payout** by Laura

Ashley

ANN IVERSON, the American chief executive appointed to revive the fortunes of Laura Ashley, yesterday announced that the clothing and furnishings company would be paying an interim dividend after an absence of six years.

The retailer reduced its operating costs by £4.3 million in the first half, which helped to lift pre-tax profits to £5.2 million (£3 million), on sales which dropped to £156 million (EI64 million). An interim payout of 0.4p per share is due on November 26. The UK delivered the

strongest growth, with un-derlying sales 10 per cent ahead at £72.1 million. Sales to both North America and continental Europe dropped. Earnings almost doubled, from 0.91p to 1.43p per share.

The results were a little short of City expectations, and Ms Iverson said she considered the results "satisfactory".

Only 20 per cent of garments were produced by the manufacturing plant in Wales, down 5 per cent. The plant must now bid for contracts without any preferred status.

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Sidlaw sells division to management team

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its oil services division for about £56 million to a management-led buy-in team headed by Colin Manderson. chief operating officer of Sidlaw's packaging division, it

was announced yesterday.

The troubled group, which fell into the red at the interim stage and parted company

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CHEAPER

By MARTIN BARROW SIDLAW GROUP is selling with its chief executive, pro-

poses to focus instead on its flexible packaging division. The disposal, to the management team backed by 3i, the venture capital group, will leave Sidlaw ungeared and with a small cash balance. Sidlaw shares rose Il'p to 1212p.

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Optimistic McKechnie tops £50m

SHARES in McKechnie were among the market's strongest risers yesterday, as the plas-tics and metal components company gave an upbeat assessment of current trading and future prospects. Mike Ost, chief executive,

said: "We have seen an im-provement in demand since the beginning of the year. We are confident that this will be a year of significant progress. The shares rose 22 p to 551p. McKechnie believes the destocking problems that hindered it last year have come to

The group will also benefit from a full year of profits from the recent acquisitions of Valley Todeco, the aero fasteners business, and Thompson and Plexicor, the vehicle components makers. They contributed 55.7 million and were almost entirely responsible for the 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £50.3 million that McKechnie achieved in the

year ending July 31.
Group sales increased by £52 million to £584.6 million. Engineered plastics was the best performing division, improving its profits by 28 per cent to £17.5 million — helped by a £27 million contract to make reusable plastic contain-

A final dividend of 12p a

Goldman creates pseudo-partners

IN NEW YORK
GOLDMAN SACHS, Wall

Street's oldest surviving banking partnership, is creating a new level of pseudo-partner to try to curtail staff defections.

The move comes as Goldman Sachs prepares to appoint 40 to 50 employees as partners, a coveted position that brings millions of dollars in salary, in a process that occures only once every two years. The result is something

of a lottery, and many rising young stars prefer to leave the firm for high salaries elsewhere rather than risk staying

The bank is therefore planming to appoint 50 to 70 managing directors, a new title for younger employees who are on track to become partners. They will receive substantially higher bonuses than others, although not the full remuneration of the 174 full partners. The partners will also be outside the firm, but their status within it will be higher. The aim is to give Jon Corzine, the senior partner, and the management a way to reward ambitious executives who have not yet reached partnership level. The firm expects to have, in four to six years' time, about 200 of the new managing directors, which is substan-tially fewer than most compar-

able investment banks. Over the past two years,

by several waves of damaging efections of key staff to other banks. Around 50 vice-presidents and analysts have been poached by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the investment banking arm of Deutsche Bank, which has been building up its US presence through aggressive hiring and offering high salaries. Morgan Stanley has also tempted away more than 30



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Shares see red again on US interest rate fears

AFTER nearly falling through the 3,900 level, the FT-SE 100 index closed at 3,910.5, down 9.2 points. The index rose in the morning on news that UK interest rates would be unchanged but soon worries about a US rate rise became dominant. The index had drifted down 20 points even before Wall Street had opened

Volume was low throughout the day as traders awaited news from the US central bank. But there was some UK economic data. A surprise balance of payments surplus for the second quarter, coupled with revised growth figures for the economy all spelt bad news for anyone hoping for another interest rate cut before the general election.

There is still a strong faction of dealers who believe the FT-SE 100 is on track to breach the 4,000 mark. One said: "We just need to get these rate decisions out of the way first.

The banking sector was again hardest hit by rate rise fears. Abbey National fell from 61312p to 604p, Barclays was down 7p at 9322p, HSBC dropped to 1186p from 1203p. NatWest eased from 667p to 661 p and Standard Chartered tunibled 134 p to 705p. A feeling is spreading among traders that the sector is looking slightly overvalued. Profit-taking has certainly accelerated the downwards

Among the biggest individual losers Laura Ashiey fell 22p at 1934 on below-expectation interim profits, Inchespe closed 5½p lower at 287p as sentiments remained mixed on plans to sell Bain Hogg. and Rank, dropped 812p to 430 p after finally revealing its Tom Cobleigh £96 million cash bid. But Tom Cobleigh was up 12 p at 236p and Yates Brothers Wine Lodges closed

at 366p, up 3p. Carlton Communications bucked the market trend for a second day running, adding 162p to 489p. Meetings between the company and analysts sparked interest in the are seeing better indications of advertising for the final quarter of the year and MediaWeek last week was reporting that October was looking quite strong." There was no news on a possible tieup between CanWest and HTV which would effectively block any bid by Carlton.

The water sector was another pocket of interest.



Sitting pretty: Cornwell Parker chief executive James Moore, left, and Martin Jourdan saw a huge share rise

Ofwat, the industry regulator, companies to improve accounting procedures through more competitive tendering and reporting on indirect transactions with associates. Ian Byatt, head of Ofwat, said he had "some concerns about a situation where trade with associates is a high proportion of the turnover." These com-

Predictably, business has not been very good in Germany, which makes up half of Europe's construction market and 46 per cent of Redland's earnings. A fall in pre-tax profits to £86-130 million, from £156 million, is expected. The dividend per share is expected to remain at 5.5 pence. Analysts said the market will be looking out for any comments

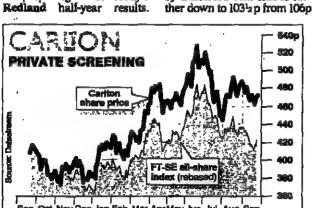
BP has opened its first Russian service station in Moscow. The complex, which offers everything from car parts to groceries, is a joint development with McDonald's, which has built a drivein restaurant into the site. If successful, more openings will follow in 1997. Shares fell 2p to 634p.

ments further depressed the aiready sluggish sector. Angli-Water dropped from 5582p to 5522p, South West Water fell 14p to 682pp, Thames Water sunk to 5412p from 5452p and United Utilities closed at 587 p. down

Building materials analysts are preparing for Thursday's from Rediand on prospects for the second half and the next year. The shares fell from 448½ p to 443p.

Close Brothers fell back to 34lp from 3432p after Monday's celebration of 21 years of successive rising profits.

The bitter industrial dispute at the kitchen factory owned by Berisford sent shares further down to 10312 p from 106p



£3.5 million.

Cornwell Parker, the furniture and furnishing fabrics company where Martin Jourdan is chairman, saw a huge increase from 175p to 240p on plans to enfranchise its A

Shareholders in Regent lans, the pub operator, continued to toast the success of their company after it announced a 57 per cent increase in their annual dividend on Monday. Shares rose 3p from 2344p.

Shares in Prism Rail also climbed, up 5p to 435p, after news that it is one of the parties that has been shortlisted and invited to submit a final tender for the franchise to operate Merseyside Electrics. Blue Circle fell from 385p to 3834p on news of the company's new property joint venture with Australia's Lend-Lease. British Steel was down 3 p at 188p after poor firstfigures from Usinor

Sacilor its French rival. An AT&T profits warning sent shares in BT 2p lower to 367 p, and Cable & Wireless,

down 2 p at 455p.

One of the few rallies took place in the supermarket sector where Tesco was up 2p at 303p, also helped by a Kleinwort Benson "buy" recommendation. Safeway did even better, closing at 331p, up 6 μp, on share buy-back

BP rose 14p to 6354p after options support and Hodder ieadline was pushed up 5p to 211p by an upbeat statemen United News & Media rallied 4p to 6964p but Zeneca retreated 13p to 1546p in the ☐ GILT-EDGED: Nothing

could disturb traders who were desperately awaiting the outcome of the FOMC meeting in Washington on US interest rates. One trader said: "There was such little business going on, I think a bunch of futures traders started the

World bond markets were

hooked on news from Washfutures finished unchanged at £107% after UK interest rates where left untouched. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street steadied in late morning trading as investors eagerly awaited news from the Fed's policy meeting on interest rates. At midday the Dow

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pany to swallow its pride and reduce the cost of slow moving stock after seven it away and bringing it out in time for the sales season. It has now relieved itself of the mountain of unused stock.

erties put up for auction. hotels cycle and zealous cost cutting have removed Queens Moat from the critical list. The cycle has another one or two years to run, but Queens Most has relatively

turnround in Europe in general and Germany in particular. Its German portfolio accounts for almost one third of its business. There are signs that the German economy has bottomed out. Second-quarter GDP growth was 1.5 per cent, compared with a drop of 0.5 per cent in the first quarter. Although

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Back to the black stuff

THE rebuilding of Tarmac into an aggregates-based operation is proceeding better than expected, with more cost savings coming out of the integration of Wimpey's business than first expected.

But it is too early to conduct a full survey of the company because it is still only possible to look at the foundations. The new-look Tarmac operates in a tough market, with European construction in the doldrums. Britain, in particular, offers slim pickings for heavy building materials after large cuts in road building programmes. The Private Finance Initiative has proved a further complication. with projects suffering from longer than anticipated delays.

Although it was sensible for Wimpey and Tarmac to swap their housebuilding and aggregates operations, the move has left

Tarmac so highly geared that there are definite twitches in the City. The company has pledged to bring down the current 66 per cent gearing to between 30 and 40 per cent within a couple of years. But urgency is required in tackling the balance sheet because the underlying profits show only a flicker of strength, aided in some part by improving fortunes in the US. Excluding the £65 million restructuring charge, pre-tax profits stood at E6.7 million, a weak figure against the £29.1 million of last year.

Integration of the Wimpey business is expected to deliver annual cost savings of more than £35 million, but the full benefits will take at least six months to start showing and will take longer in construction. Tarmac's transition may not be achieved overnight, but it must be built to endure.

Laura Ashley

THE quiet revolution at Laura Ashley is now almost complete. Ann Iverson has pulled off the seemingly impossible task of revamoing without upsetting traditional customers.

After fewer than two years at the helm, she has dragged the company from a timeless trance to face the brutal realities of retailing.

the tail-wag-dog relationship with its manufacturing plant, where the retailer was under pressure to order what

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Ironically, the American has yet to crack her native

market. In the United States, some Laura Ashley stores still suffer from the legacy of the old management's belief that 'small is beautiful".

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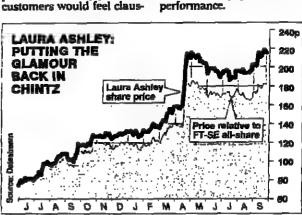
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Perhaps the best move that the old Laura Ashley management made was to pin Ms Iverson's £29 million share option payout to 1998



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QUEENS Moat Houses, the walking dead of the hotel industry, is starting to look like an interesting punt. Operating profits are on the rise, debt is coming down, albeit slowly, and it may get a fair price for the 27 British prop-

The upswing in the UK little exposure to the buoyant London market, where room yields have climbed fastest.

mists think the worst is over.

At 18p a share, investors appear to have little to lose and much to gain if the German economy picks up momentum. Even better, Queens Most may become a takeover target. But those looking for a quick rise will be disappointed. Patience is a

the country is burdened with

high unemployment, econo-

Sidlaw Group

DRASTIC action was required to safeguard Sidlaw's long-term future. With the appointment of John Durston. as chief executive, whose exindustry, it was inevitable that oil services, Sidlaw's other husiness, would be sold

The £17 million surplus from the sale will bring argently needed funds to beef up a balance sheet and avert yet another rights issue. On completion Sidlaw will have a small cash balance.

Sidlaw shares rose 11 bp to

1212p in response, against a 1996 low of 84p. But investors should still be cautious about the company's long-term prospects. The packaging business being retained is in poor shape.

Oil services, principally comprising the ASCo subsidiary, is highly regarded in the industry and has valuable long-term contracts with a number of oil companies. True, earnings have been relatively static in the past three years but it has remained in profit and its fortunes will mirror those of the North Sea oil industry.

By contrast packaging has struggled and the company areas exist within the business. It is open to question whether Sidlaw can generate enough cash to restore growth in the division from existing resources. Significantly, Colin Manderson is quitting as chief operating officer of the packaging divi-sion to lead the management buy-in of oil services.

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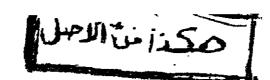
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Viennese in a whirl over pub

VIENNA is the latest City to fall for the Guinness Irish Pub Concept. To the sound of "genuine" Irish music, and surrounded by "authentic" Irish nicknacks, the brewing group yesterday opened its 1,000th trish theme pub in Austria's capital.

Traditional Irish staff served hearty British beef and Guinness stew to hungry Viennese, while Pat Meagher, landlord of Molly Darey's pub and a former barman at Moscow international airport. looked on in wonder. don't speak a word of German." he tells me. "But I'm learning a little bit

Rare Welsh bit

KPMG is on the hunt for a new chief executive to head the yet-to-be-formed European Structural Funds Programme, with a slightly unusual qualification. As well as being experienced in company start-ups and development, from either the public or the private sector, the winning candidate for the initial three-year post with a salary of between £40,000 and £50,000 may also have to be a Welsh

language speaker.

ANN IVERSON stole the show yesterday at Laura Ashley's results meeting. Dressed in a stunning crushed velvet jacket in purple, the group chief executive made a perfect clothes horse for Laura Ashley's more sophisticated image. However, as one speciator commented: toe Armani woman."



That is what Rank is paying for it"

Balance upset

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HARRODS BANK has joined hands with the London Ladies Club to offer a red-carpet course in banking facilities that could well upset NatWest Bank. The club that is a favourite among Coutts clients will host the lessons on standing orders and direct debits at the Sloane Club on Lower Sloane Street. Upsetting news for NatWest which boasts a cosy relationship with the London Ladies Club, allowing the gals to distribute their newsletter from its west London branches.

CITIGATE Communications and Buchanan Communications are sharpening their heels for a showdown at the end of this month. Both PR houses are hosting parties on October 30. Buchanan was first to send out its invites, but Sophie Hull of Citigate says: "If the responses and acceptances are anything to go by. we're streets ahead."

Wifely support

FAMILY loyalty knows no bounds at MFI, where the chief executive was able to make eye contact with his wife from the podium at yesterday's AGM. Linda Randall tells me that, as a shareholder in the company, she never misses the AGM. Which is more than can be said for her fellow shareholders, who were few in number at the meeting. "One of the most interesting AGMs I went to was at Guinness, when Ernest Saunders was forced to face the audience," she says.

Pubs-to-riches formula found by select entrepreneurial band

Running a pub usually means hard work not

wealth, says

Jon Ashworth

s any publican will tell you, running a pub involves long hours and little glory. Unless you happen to be Derek Mapp, founder of Tom Cobleigh, the northern-based pubs chain, who started with one pub four years ugo and has just sold out for \$6.4

The benefactor in this case is Rank Organisation, which is paying 195.6 million for Tom Cobleigh — or more than 12 million per pub. Mapp, who retained his 6.7 per cent stake in the company when it floated on the stock market last November, joins a select brand of entrepreneurs to have followed the pub route to wealth over the years.

David Bruce did the same with the Firkin chain seven years ago. In June, Michael Cannon made about £70 million when he sold the Magic Pub Company to Greene King, the East Anglian brewer, for nearly £200 million. The following month, Whitbread's purchase of the Pelican Group, the name behind Café Rouge and Dome, triggered handsome windfalls for its cofounders, Roger Myers and Karen Jones. The deal worked out at about £3 million an

Mapp, who works from offices in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, adopts a no-frills approach to his trade. He insists that all employees use first names, and famously drew up a "no memos" rule, threatening to sack anyone who wrote memos rather than talking face to face.

Mapp claims that the success of his pubs lies in their friendly, family-oriented approach, including perks such as nappy-changing facilities. He once said: "They are tradior gimmicks but they are also family-friendly."

Early success came to Michael Cannon, who has long been skilled in the pubs-to-riches approach. In 1993, he made £26 million on the sale of Devenish, his first pub company. After a year's rest, he founded the Magic Pub Company after buying about 300 run-down pubs from Chef and Brewer.

Two years on, the chain, including such memorable names as the Hungry Horse and Pickled Newt, was sold to Greene King for nearly £200 million. Cannon's pub interests started in 1975 with a half-



David Bruce, left, the founder of Firkin, with Tim Thwaites of Grosvenor Inns



Magic formula: Michael and Sally Cannon Hugh Corbett: branded-pub theme pioneer



Sale of the Pelican Group brought handsome windfalls for Roger Myers and Karen Jones

in a pub in Bristol. Perhaps most famous of all

is David Bruce, founder of the Firkin chain of pubs, who sold out to Midsummer Leisure in 1988 for £6.6 million. The chain is now owned by Allied

After several years with Courage and Theakston's, Bruce lost his job and found himself on the dole. Using £20,000 in borrowed funds, he converted a pub in the Elephant and Castle in south London, and, in 1979, became the first London publican this century to brew beer in his own cellar. By 1985, Firkins had sprouted across the capi-

selling more than two million pints a year.

Two years after selling out, Bruce returned with a new company, Bertie Belcher's Brighton Brewery Company, and a new pub, the Hedgehog and Hogshead, in nearby Hove. As with outlets like the Flounder & Firkin (described as "a great plaice"), Bruce kept up his eclectic approach to branding with the banner. "Hogswill do anything for a pint of Belcher's - there's snout better."

He later launched a new beer at a riverside pub in Richmond on Thames, Surrey, calling it Cirrhosis of the

single shareholder in Grosvenor inns, owner of the Siug & Lettuce, and Hedgehog & Hogshead chains. He stepped down from the board in July to concentrate on private brewing interests in North Ameri-

ca, but remains a non-

executive director. The

chairman of Grosvenor's is

Tim Thwaites. The seeds for a new generation of themed pubs were sown in 1989 when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ordered the dismantling of the tied pubs system. Under the so-called Beer Orders, the top six brewers were ordered to sell half their pubs in excess trepreneurs were able to cherry pick hundreds of sites, then transform the outlets with elever branding.

Branded pubs and restau-

11.000 outlets. Keen-eyed en-

rants continue to command huge sums. In July, the London-based Pitcher and Piano chain changed hands for £20 million, even though its annual sales are only about 55 million. This demonstrates the premiums that groups are prepared to pay for a brand.

The same month, Whitbread paid £133.1 million for the Pelican Group, owner of the Cafe Rouge and Dome chains, Roger Myers, founder and chairman, was left with shares and options worth about £3.15 million, while Karen Jones, co-founder and managing director, held a stake worth £2.7 million.

Those still waiting to cash-in include Tim Martin, chairman of JD Wetherspoon, who has about £64 million tied up in nearly 150 pubs, spread from London to Scotland. Born in England but raised in New Zealand, Martin put down £10,000 as a deposit on a pub in Muswell Hill, north London, in 1979. By 1983, the number of pubs under management had risen to four, and Wetherspoon, named after one of Martin's former schoolteachers, was clearing £180,000 in profits. The company recently announced profits of £13.11 million on turnover of more than £100

One of the pioneers of the branded-pub theme is Hugh Corbett, who has started three chains of pubs in and around London in the past 15 years. He sold the first, the Slug & Lettuce, in 1989, and the second, Harvey Floorbangers, in 1992, netting £4.5 million for Corbett and his partner. The pubs had an "Eighties" feel to them — bare wooden floors, large windows and a trendy

Corbett is currently developing a new London-based chain of "Tup" pubs - the name is inspired by the male sheep and thinks there is still some mileage left in the branded concept. He said: "There is still Look at what people have historically done in the retail sector. If they have reasonably good brands, people will go in and spend money.

Corbett thinks the amount of money being spent on pubs as much as 20 times earnings for a particular outlet is out of touch with reality.

Derek Mapp, meanwhile, will be toasting his newly-won place in the pub millionaires' hall of fame. Rank intends to develop Tom Cobleigh's 44 branded pubs and 17 tenanted pubs under the delightful motto "Unspoilt Pubs For Nice People". It couldn't happen to



Stability: how the old will rock the boat

ters looked pretty smug after their meet-ing in Dublin. They did not just play Waiting for Blair; they agreed in principle on the German proposal for an EU stability pact. This will commit members to fiscal responsibility, so how dare the analysts call the Euro a potentially weak currency? No other will have such backing. All perfectly con-vincing — if your time horizon ends at 1999. Look into the next millennium,

and it all falls into what we might call the Lloyd's trap. The Lloyd's names all thought they were rich; but forgot their unlimited liabilities. They had some excuse because the losses that woke them so rudely were unprec-edented (though there had been warnings); all the same, their personal balance sheets were deceptive. EU ministers have no excuse for equally deceptive public accounts; nor have the bond analysts who regard Bunds and Oats so benignly. The gap in the accounts hides the unfunded pension liabilities that hang over most European markets - the French and German markets most of all - and the facts have been public knowledge for

tention to the burden as long ago as 1982, and has updated its warnings since then; and in May this year the IMF published a chart that should give both ministers and bond analysts sleepless nights. It shows the capital value of unfunded pension liabilities

the hidden part of the iceberg of public debt. There is no room here for the chart, but the figures for the G7 selves. For France it is nearly 120 per cent of GDP — about double the official debt level allowed under the Maastricht criteria for EMU entry. And this is on top of acknowledged debt, which is already over the limit. Germany is just about as bad.

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The OECD first drew at-

Now the Anglo-Saxons. The US has a gap that could be closed by raising the social security tax by less than 1 per cent of income, we are at the virtuous extreme. Our unfunded liability is less than 5 per cent of GDP, which brings the whole debt iceberg well within Maastricht limits. If future fiscal problems and US Treasuries should be the only choice for the long-sighted bondholder.

How can this be, since the problem of transerring resources to the retired is, in principle, the same in all countries? Partly because the problem really is smaller for Britain: our population is not ageing nearly as fast as most across the Channel. Partly because we are mean. with public pension at a level that might make Scrooge pause — the US had a bigger problem because its social security payments are more generous. But largely because Mrs Thatcher privatised the problem when she abolished Serps, the state earnings-related pension scheme. We, and the Americans, have transerred most of the burden to the private financial markets.

Is this a solution, or another form of evasion? This depends, as Brian Reading argues in a profound essay in the current Lombard Street Research International Review, on what happens to the private contributions. If they simply push up the equity indices and this is certainly a major reason for the secular bull markets in London and New York - then they are really just another equity trap, as deceptive as the "wealth" created in the late-1980s house price boom. When the old need to spend their savings, the indices will be driven down again. But if the savings go to finance real investment at home, or well chosen foreign assets, then there is real provision for the future.

really smug: the buil market has sired a boom in real investment. We can only hope that our boom is just around the comer, as Roger Bootle forecasts. Our foreign asset selection used to be excellent; but since London managers seem to have missed the Wall Street opportunity, not so good now. But one conclusion jumps out: what the EU needs to offer to make any sense of British EMU membership is a stability pact based on real numbers. We cannot afford to bale out their pensioners. Put up, or stay out

Stephen Pollard on a tale of human frailty at Barings

Sorry saga found in a bank account

bring down Barings? As the careful account of the collapse in All That Glitters makes clear, although the trading was Nick Leeson's alone, it was fatal, rather than merely painful, because of the massive incompetence of the Barings management.

The absorbing account, with which the book opens, of the attempts coordinated by the Bank of England to save Barings, details the gradual recognition by the other banks being asked to contribute to a rescue fund of the shambles that passed for management. Their patience finally snapped when the assembled bankers learnt that £700 million had been paid by Barings as margin on the "secret account" trading without any understanding of what it was funding.

With management dazzled by the profits" reported from Singapore, Nick Leeson was able to tell contradictory stories to his bosses: to those questioning the suicidal trading strategy, it was done on the instructions of the secret "Customer X", and, to those querying the enormous sums demanded for margin, it was valuable "switching trades" done on the bank's behalf.

No one seriously questioned how such incredible profits could be made from supposedly risk-free trading, or why attempts to get even the most basic financial information on the Singapore operation were blocked or side-tracked. John Gapper and Nicholas Denton spend a third of the book carefully setting the scene - the recent history of Barings, its entry into new markets through Christopher Heath's trading operation, the uncontrolled growth of Baring Securities and the internal power struggle to wrest it from Heath's

book - but is crucial to understanding

the collapse. The fragmented manage-

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control. This makes for a leisurely read - Nick Leeson's trading is not addressed until over half way through the



continue for nearly three years (until the market, not the management, found it out), had their roots firmly in the bank's recent history.

The failings of management, and how Nick Leeson capitalised on them, are laid bare in unemotional and nonjudgmental prose, largely leaving the reader to apportion blame. Indeed, sometimes a more critical approach would be wholly justified. The authors describe how Simon Jones, the rude and aggressive manager in Singapore behind whose obsession about protect-



ence Leeson sheltered, would often humiliate an employee in front of others. This is simply described as "oldfashioned management".

The inside information, particularly about the rescue attempt, is predictably strong, and the account reads like a financial thriller. There are also some intriguing personal details to put flesh on the bones - for example, that Christopher Heath recruited only spenders, not savers, so that the hunger to make vast sums would always be there, and that despite the "laid-back manner" and "New Age beliefs" of Mike Killian, a Tokyo futures and options manager, his nose "has been broken twice during arguments on trading floors".

The authors paint a picture of human frailty on a huge canvas. Leeson's "Achilles" heel was his own desire to be admired" and the complex amalgam of personal and professional inadequacies in Barings ensured that he was admired right to the end.

The complexity of areas of the derivatives markets, with even the most sophisticated computer programmes struggling to provide accounting data, and the enormous sums traded daily raise clearly the Doomsday scenario. Mix in a strong element of human weakness, and you have a destructive brew. It was largely good fortune that this collapse did not threaten the system itself, but merely highlighted the inherent dangers.

However, the phenomenal problems of controlling the rampant derivatives markets mean that we may all, from sophisticated trader to modest pension contributor, be living on borrowed

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BUSINESS LETTER

Statutory rights useless in real world From Mr Andrew White

Sir, Mr John Good (Business letters, September 19) exhorts the Government to introduce a statutory right to charge interest on overdue accounts, complaining that codes of practice and standards are and will be ineffective.

Legislation is not, I believe, the answer. It would take a brave (or foolhardy) small businessman to enforce his legal rights against a powerful purchaser threatening to take his business elsewhere. It is surely the case that, in the real world of business, statutory rights have no greater chance of affecting commercial reality than do voluntary codes.

Furthermore, the right to fundamental issues involved. Mr Good should speak to more businessmen and he will soon find that it is not the lack of interest on the money that causes the problems but the lack of money itself. Or does he suggest that such businessmen will be unconcerned as to how long debts remain outstanding, as long as the market rate of interest is accruing? Yours faithfully,

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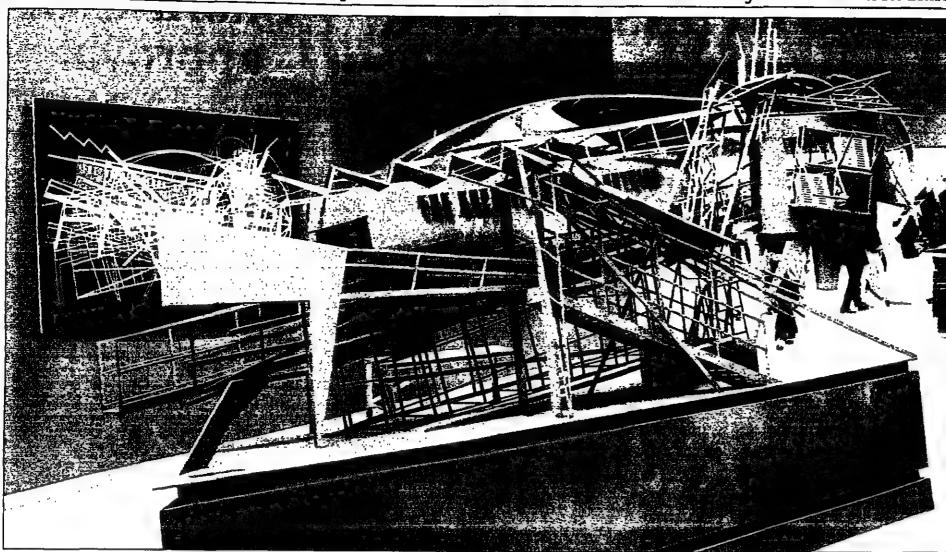
The great Mstislav Rostropovich steers the LSO through a typically passionate Russian evening



MUSIC 2

Thomas Allen steps into the breach and rescues the LPO's gala at Glyndebourne

ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney finds subversive wit as well as controversy at Venice's Biennale



The "architecture of nothing" is how the Hungarians describe their display: architectural models that are pure sculpture; architectural designs that are abstract paintings

Here's one we'll never make

ith my tongue firmly in my check I declare that the winners of the 1996 Venice Architecture Biennale are the Hungarians. They have spotted the mood of the judges and seen the worldwide Gadarene rush towards Deconstruction: "exploding buildings with tilting walls

They have run up a spoof titled The Architecture of Nothing". Their pavilion is filled with architectural models that are pure sculpture, and urchitectural designs that are abstruct paintings. This is accompanied by excruciating cacophonic music supposedly computer-generated by people moving through the show.

In general this Biennale is more like a fashion show than an architecture exhibition. Today's architects, it seems, are no longer social reformers out to change the world (perhaps a good thing), but artists and designers bent on creating a new look: bold, colourful, hugely avant-garde. Significantly, the engineers who enable all these extraordinary buildings to

stand up hardly get a mention.

The main pavilion pays homage to 30 greats and 30 "emerging voices".

The choice is controversial. Britain scores four among the greats: Sir Norman Foster (but not Lord Rogers), followed by Ralph Erskine, architect of smith — who actually lives and works in Sweden. More surprising are the inclusions of two British architects who have only each: Peter Cook,

whose flamboyant designs for capsules on stilts appear like a modern-day version of Heath Robinson; and Zaha Hadid, elevated almost to the presiding goddess of the show with ever-more jewel-like designs and models for the

By contrast, the British Pavilion is centred on what many see as our least glorious building project: the over-budget and long-overdue Brit-ish Library. The architect Colin St John Wilson has made a 30-foot high collage of the prototypes for different parts of the building. It is full of gentle jokes: the Lion of St Mark caged behind one of his balconies, for example, or Wilson as a young man in a carnival mask when he began the library all those years ago.

rejected Cardiff Opera House.



Dummy roadworkers at the Japanese earthquake pavilion

"Been there, bought the T-shirt" may also be the reaction of many visitors to the display of Foster's highly accoladed gallery and library at Nimes. After this, just two National Lottery projects get a look in. They are Grimshaw's mile-long "greenhouse" in a Cornish claypit, and MacCormac's casket-like Ruskin

archive in Lancaster. Next door, the French have naturally responded to the fashion theme with style. Odile Decq and François Roche are the names to watch. Opposite, the German pavilion is a complete contrast, dedicated to depicting the dramatic and poetic transformation of derelict industrial

ions work well. The Japanese abandon arwith a powerful dis-play of the Kobe earthquake, where visitors pick their way across piles of debris while klaxons ring. The Dutch have simply strewn the floor with tens of thousands of

tiny "Monopoly" houses, inviting visitors to plan their "Monopoly" own model villages.

What of the Americans? Now that the word Disney has become a term of architectural abuse (this side of the Atlantic anyway), they have stunned the Europeans by devoting their entire pavilion to the Disney Corporation, putting on display an aston-ishing range of models, perspectives and bird's eye views, including all the Magic Kingdom castles. It ranges the seriously grotesque EuroDisney hotels, through startling designs by Arata Isozaki and Frank

Gehry to the latest in Pop architec-ture: hotels clad in guitars that are larger than the buildings themselves; and — wait for it — a Disney liner that will soon tour the world's oceans.

A return to sobriety comes in the Spanish pavilion, which has a fascinating display on an ambitious national programme for building century theatres. Bringing the exhibi-tion right up to date are designs for the new Museum of Contemporary Art overlooking the bay at Rio, by the great Oscar Niemeyer, architect of Brasilia. He was born in 1905, but this is just as futuristic as anything in a Bond movie.

The best aspect of the Biennale is that it shows a burst of adventurous alternatives to conventional modernism. Yet it is mostly as remote from everyday life as a couturier fashion show. All credit, then, to the young Finns (they call themselves GROUP) who designed an elegant wood-framed "leisure studio" that they could construct themselves. And even more to the Canadians, who - in the best pavilion of all - show how timber buildings can be adventurous and not just zany.

● The exhibition is at the Biennale Gardens in Venice (0039-41-521-8711) until

An orgy of TV reminiscence

W. Stephen Gilbert dons his toga and goes to the I, Claudius party

aving rinsed out my old toga the night before — that dried blood is so tenacious - I went to a party last week to mark the twentieth anniversary of the first BBC transmission of Robert Graves's I. Claudius, It was billed as "an orgy of reminiscence".

"To look back is quite an unusual thing for me," says Herbert Wise, who directed the 13 episodes, "and I'm amazed at how well it stands

Such a project is unthinkable at the present BBC. All 650 minutes were recorded on tape in the studio without a single outside shot. The result is that, buoyed up by Tim Harvey's universally hailed sets, the actors go for it in an electrifyingly theatrical way, relishing Jack Pulman's bracing and mordant script.

Made now, Claudius would have to be on film, shot where the light was thought Mediterrancan and the games and other great set pieces could be "realistically" staged with hundreds of extras, at the expense of dialogue and character. The slow-burn structure - and even Wise admits to having been nervous of the deliberation in the first two episodes — would be out. So too would be any actor like Derek Jacobi, nowhere near starry enough to be entrusted with such a gigantic role. Who would it be today: Nick Berry? Kevin Whately? Nigel le Vaillant? Whoever, it would not be the director's choice but Alan Yentob's.

"At the time," says Wise, 'we didn't know we were making a great epic. You just

Claudius scored a number cunning and luck. Wise says: "I was the first director who demanded that I do it all myself," the first also to have the same studio camera crew throughout a long serial, allowing him to develop a close understanding with the late Jim Atkinson. They don't have the cameramen now," he

adds ruefully.

Much of the craft was executed on the wing. Barbara Kronig designed the costumes

 "Just keep me in touch", aid Wise. Kronig, who organised the reunion with script editor Betty Willingale, and Tim Harvey were permitted to go to Rome for research. "to see the perspective and the colours".

Pam Meager's make-up used prosthetics in a new way to age the actors. "We were

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violin with the admittedly shrill woodwind in the open-

ing movement, from the slow

movement onwards the or-

chestra's contribution was on

a par with the soloist's.

pushing it," she says. Jacobi's old-age face took six hours. And the financial constraint was fierce, "Tim. Barbara and I each gave back £1,000 at the end because we were under such pressure. I said at the time, the Romans weren't the only ones who got away with

I, Claudius reaches back to a make-do-and-mend spirit at the BBC. It had its limitations but it also produced a camara-derie unknown to current programme-makers. John Hurt, whose outrageous Caligula is fondly remembered. declares that "it would be hard to find a show that one had so much fun doing, before or since". "It was like a real company," says Kronig, "a theatre company." Pam Meager remembers there were department heads who led



A young Derek Jacobi as the BBC's Claudius

and boistered the craft services. "There's no one encouraging us now."

each other, the buffer went untouched (I told Betty Willingale she needed to hire a food-taster, most of her guests having been poisoned in the serial). But they roared and applauded at the tape of extracts Willingale had put together, none louder than Patrick Stewart, who flew in from Los Angeles to see again one of his bewigged performances. He says Claudius is aired regularly on cable in the United States, where it has such a huge cult following that he is more readily identified as Sejanus than as Star Trek's Captain Picard.

First on his feet after the screening, Wise cried: "We did have a wonderful script." As the Sybil tells the newly dead Claudius, it was "quite a story,

CONCERTS: A gala occasion at Glyndebourne; celebrating Prokofiev in London; and contemporary Baltic choral works in the Vale of Glamorgan

THE name of Cecilia Bartoli was the big bait at the London Philharmonic's fundraising gala at Glyndebourne, sponsored by Ford. The Italian mezzo was due to sing arias by Mozart and Rossini, the two composers most associated with her, either side of a performance of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony under Roger Norrington. But 24 hours before the off she pleaded indisposition. The LPO was left with an apology and a very substantial hole to fill.

Thomas Allen and Susan Graham sped to the rescue and agreed to stay with Mozart and Rossini. Don Gio-

of the party vanni was first summoned to

Glyndebourne a practical solution because

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the orchestra play it under Solti at the Festival Hall the weekend after next and Allen takes the title role at Covent Garden later in the year. Even so, he was probably unwise to

help the sal-

vage operation.

nade. At the start of the evening the voice sounded more arid than beguiling.
It was left to the American mezzo Susan Graham to provide the gala feel. This she certainly did with Smanie implacabili. Dorabella's furi-

ous aria from Cosi in which all consolation is spurned. Graham has been justly admired in the part, both at Covent Garden and here at Glyndebourne. She was on home territory, but she has rarely sung the aria with more panache and accuracy. A totally different side of her mezzo

was heard in Sesto's aria of forlorn resignation from Ciemenza. After an exuberant Beetho-

ven Eight from Norrington, so exuberant that at one point he dropped his baton, Thomas Allen came into his own during the final third of the evening. He switched from his normal role of the Count in Figaro to the servant for Non più andrai and then to Rossini's own Figaro and Largo al factorum. Audience-pleasing stuff, but delivered with élan. In Cherubino's Non so più Graham proved that she does not need a set and a director behind her to be an actress as well as a singer

Mezzo and baritone gave the Dorabella-Guglielmo duet from Cosi as a playfully sexy encore and then courteously left the floor to Norrington and the orchestra for the Clemenza overture.

JOHN HIGGINS

two new concertos by British composers to the cello reper-tory, Mstislav Rostropovich turned to his alternative occupation as conductor, to which he now seems to devote as much time as to his artistry as a cellist. His conducting has improved by leaps and bounds since his first tentative ventures, and his Sunday night programme with the **London Symphony Orchestra**

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He changed the opening work to a seldom-heard piece of official celebration by Prokofiev, a "festive poem". The Meeting of the Volga and the Don. Written in the last year of the composer's life, it formally celebrated the opening of the canal linking Rus-sia's two great rivers, a pet

had much to be treasured.

project of Sta-lin's in the last LSO/ Rostropovich year of his life. Cheery mar-ches and noble-Barbican Hall

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It showed the imaginative skill of Prokofier's Second Violin Concerto, the solo part delivered with panache and not a little charm amid all the bravura by the youthful Maxim Vengerov. He seemed to relish the sustained physical effort in the bowing and fingering needed to encom-pass the brilliance and poetry of the fiddle in a work that has lost none of its appeal since it was written more than 60

I was more impressed than

The final concert focused entirely on Tormis. His work fuses folksong with art music, and in the dozens of numbers we heard from his Estonian Calendar Songs and magnificent cycle Forgotten Peoples, each was full of lively story-telling detail. The songs were performed with richvoiced precision by a choir that has made

The orchestra came fully into its own in Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony to end the programme. The controlled fervour and expressive phrasing at the outset was followed by string playing at its most Andantino movement, crisp and spirited in the famous pizzicato ostinato. And the brass added almost Gothic malevolence to the finale.

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THE Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir's British debut has been a highlight of this month's Vale of Glamorgan Festival. Founded 15 years ago by the conductor Tonu Kaljuste, the choir has a wide-ranging repertory, but it arrived in Wales with only contemporary Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian works in its bags. All the composers performed at Llandaff Cathedral and St Donat's Castle in the final pair of concerts were represented by retrospective works - an

keeping national and religious traditions alive during the years of Soviet domination. But most of the pieces revealed great individuality, too, and the only disappointment was Arvo Part's Te Deum. the longest and least interesting of the scores. Two works that seemed to achieve spiritual simplicity without the longueurs the Lithuanian Peteris Vasks's

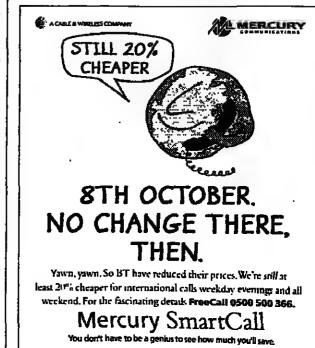
Voices from the valley

Vale of Glamorgan **Festival**

Urmas Sisask's Deo Gratias. Vasks's ecstatic string sonorities, smoothly played by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Kaljuste, and Sisask's rich but delicate part-writing both filled the spaces of Llandaff Cathedral to moving effect.

was The Last Pagan Rites by Lithuanian composer Bronius Kutavicius, performed by singers who began off-stage and gradually encircled the audience. There are parts for horns and organ, but most of the hypnotic music is carried by women's and children's voices. Folklore with an historical basis was recalled in the Estonian Veljo Tormis's The Bishop and the Pagan, which recalls vividly the slaying of the missionary Bishop Henry by a Finnish peasant.

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New steps among old bones: Dance Umbrella parades with the dinosaur at the Natural History Museum



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Barefoot in Jurassic park

Fossils provide backdrop and inspiration for a dance on the origins of life, writes Allen

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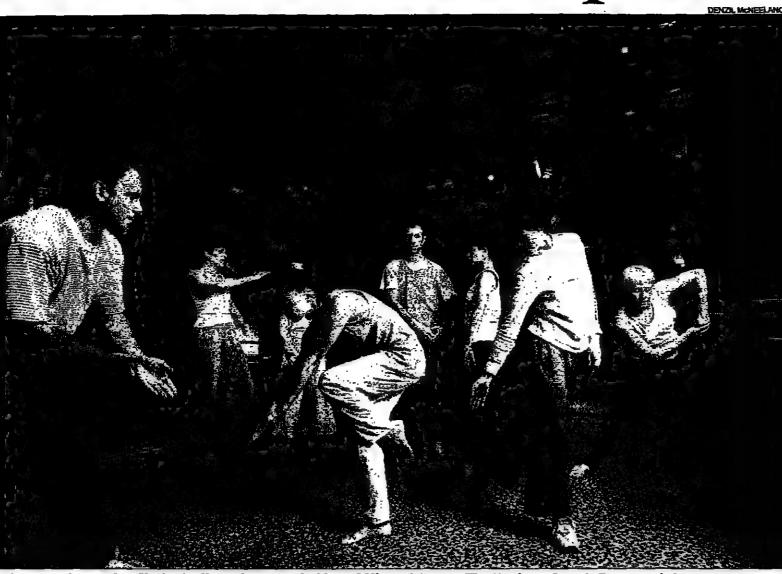
nce a dance artist moves beyond the comfortingly familiar confines of the proscenium arch and steps out into the "real" world, all sorts of problems arise. But not until now has a dancer had to cope with being upstaged by a

dinosaur. The fossil in question is the one that looms up in the central hall of the Natural History Museum, the unorthodox locale chosen as the site for the opening event in this year's Dance Umbrella festival of innovative international dance. The piece created specifically for this spot by the American choreographer Stephan Koplowitz is called Genesis Canyon. It lasts for only 40 minutes, but took three

years to bring to fruition.
Koplowitz is an artist who had long intrigued Val Bourne, Dance Umbrella's artistic director. "He has a very special talent for making us look at familiar things in new and exciting ways, for making us see that dance isn't just lovely elitist stuff that only happens at the Opera House. We all need to be conscious of that, and that's what I'd like

this project to achieve. Those of us who care about dance know this is the truth. but a project such as this really does allow the general public to see that there isn't anything to be afraid of, to see that dance can be for everybody."

Dances created for individual spaces — known as "site-



Choreographer Stephan Koplowitz directs dancers at the Natural History Museum. The 40-minute Genesis Canyon took three years to create

Koplowitz and his dancers had to start rehearsing at 7.30am, then break until after dark. The staff at the museum, supportive though they have been, could hardly ignore the fact that the primary purpose of their building during the day is to serve the public.

"One of the things that a site-specific work does," says

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that they might have taken for granted. I drive past here every day, but I hadn't been inside since I was a kid. But Steve is once again making us realise what a spectacular building this is.

"In a way, site-specific work is evangelical because it offers the possibility of crasing that pernicious idea that dance is for a select few who have been educated to understand it."

bring off. All sorts of bureau- take a fresh look at something you couldn't agree more. "I'm

very proud to say that my work is accessible to anybody," Koplowitz says. "My work is very clear. It is all about people, in the same way buildings are about people. In my works people talk, they sing, they chant, they might play an instrument, and they dance. It's a very collaborative thing. I am

not a purist." Now 40, Koplowitz has built States for creations in spots like New York's Grand Centrai Station. But he was in one of America's most remote locales when Bourne invited

him to come to London. "I was working on a piece specifically created for the most eastern point in the United States - Eastport,

Maine — 12 hours from New

York. I was working on a remote Native American reservation when the phone rings and it's Val calling from London inviting me to book a flight and come on over to be a professional 'site-seer'. In the end, I made four trips and saw many, many places.

Koplowitz probably now knows more about London's grand historic buildings than most Londoners, Initially he would start off in the British Museum's Reading Room and progress, with the audience trailing the dancers, across Russell Square to end up in the new British Library. That idea was kicked around for some 18 months," says Bourne. "But, and I'm sure Steve would agree, we have

"All along," says Koplowitz, "the Natural History Museum was number two on my list. I can only say that I was lucky that the British Library didn't come through, because this has turned out to be one of the most perfect sites I've ever worked in.

We've come up with a piece that has been directly inspired by the particular landscape of this cathedral-like room. Anyit must recognise that the mission of this institution begins with the origins of life. That's what put this building in business. So, Genesis Canyon is inspired by that, by this huge expanse of time."

· Genesis Canyon can be seen at 7.30pm and 9pm on Saturday and Sunday at the Natural History Museum (0171-387 0031)

Choruses of approval

The winner of the first Musical of the Year competition has been chosen - and the year is 1920

The top prize in the first Musical of the Year competition goes to an American, whose musical is based on a novella by a Hungarian. Enter the Guardsman, which won the £40,000 top prize on Saturday, is an elegant, witty, light chamber piece which could do well in small British and American

But it had its first public outing as part of a multimillion-pound television spectacular staged in ... Aarhus, Denmark. The reason is fairly simple — not only does Aarhus have the best lyric theatre in Denmark, but it is near the headquarters of Bang & Olufsen, a major sponsor of the show, and of the competition.

it was a spectacular event, thanks to the West End talent which was shipped in to perform the excerpts - all the entries had to be in English. because most successful musicals are. Julia Mc-Kenzie directed a team of actors led by Denis Quilley. Bonnie Langford, Joanna Riding and John Barrow-

We saw only half an hour of each of the three shortlisted musicals, chosen from 266 entries, and when the dust settled it was known that the winner will probably be seen at Chichester next summer. The second prizewinner, The Three Musketeers, is likely to be produced at about the same time in Plymouth by Apollo Leisure, and both have the West End as their

Enter the Guardsman is based on Ferenc Molnar's story of a showbiz marriage in which the husband tests the wife's fidelity by trying to seduce her while in disguise, all of it witnessed by a ghostly playwright. It

was created by the real-life American writing marriage of Scott Wentworth and Marion Adler, with music by a former concert pianist, Craig Bohlmer.

The dialogue is polished and snappy, and it was the script that won the prize; but the music is cleverly reminiscent of the light opera of the 1930s, the period of the musical.

The Three Musketeers, which won £20,000, is British, a treatment of the Dumas novel with music by George Stiles, lyrics by Paul Leigh and book by Peter Raby. The story has, of course, been adapted before - with mostly lamentable results. This time. Raby said, they have stuck to the original, taking it to its less than happy ending and investing the characters

with some personality. The third prizewinner (of £10,000) was also from America - Red, Red Rose by George Rosie and Paul Alan Johnson, a brash, coarse assessment of the lusty life and wild times of

Robbie Burns. There was, it must be said, some murmuring from the writers afterwards that, for an event that was supposed to celebrate their efforts, they were effectively sidelined by the TV production and not involved at all in rehearsais. But the questions Danish Broadcasting will be asking itself is whether any of the shows which bobbed to the top would be in line for production without Saturday's event, and whether the talents of the winners were Aarhus, rather than being discovered.

Perhaps all will become clearer in two years when, it is hoped, the exercise will be repeated.

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29 September



Clive Carter and Denis Quilley in the Musical of the Year, and winner of £40,000, Enter the Guardsman

A Gallic vision of Hades

got the right venue in the end."

SOMETIMES I hate the French — they can do things effortlessly that we manage only with Herculean effort. Without any fuss at all they can restore their national opera house: Palais Garnier's matchless fantasy, truly one of the world's great buildings, glows once more, but gently the refurbishment has been achieved with the utmost

And within the Garnier they can mount a production at once inimitably elegant, vastly entertaining and huge-ly serious of Rameau's tragédie lyrique — just about the most civilised (and swift) four hours you could hope to

spend in a theatre. The piece could of course only be French and born in the Age of Reason. Who else would devise a version of Phedre in which the guilty stepmother's demise passes almost unnoticed and all is concentrated on a Happy Ending, with Hippolytus sur-viving his encounter with the sea-monster to live in blissful contentment with his beloved Aricia? There is a proper out; if the action threatens to get too heated, it is broken off for lengthy song-and-dance divertissements to near-comic effect when Theseus returns from a trip to Hades to find any amount of nastiness in his Athenian woodshed, but has to wait patiently while his

subjects welcome him home.
First things first — I love it.
Even after 250 years, Rameau's music cannot fail to astound with its variety and invention, from passages of Bachian gravity to rustic dance rhythms and orchestral effects that make the eruption of Berlioz a century later altogether less surprising. The music was played with boundless style and vivacity by William Christie and his Arts Florissants. Just as satisfying was Ana Yepes's choreography: period dance over here can look precious and mannered, but here the wristOPERA Hippolyte

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natural. Jean-Marie VIIlegier's production found a perfect air of ironic detachment to temper its basic seriousness. His idea of Hades as a sort of 18th-century

Ellis Island where admission is granted by short-tempered clerks and where you spend eternity being whipped by ballet boys seemed a fair enough vision of hell to me. The singing was magnifi-cent: Lorraine Hunt heroic of

tone as Phaedra, Laurent Naouri (Theseus) showing the art of French declamation is not dead, and Mark Padmore (Hippolytus) matching him consonant for consonant.

RODNEY MILNES

Let's talk stage



LOVERS of the theatre spend almost as much time talking about it as they do going to plays. So these six talks and discussions about theatrical trends are bound to be of interest to Theatre Club

the Society of London Theatre, and the hour-long sessions, starting at 5.30pm, will take place at the Theatre Museum in Tavistock Street, WC2. Tickets are £2 (normally £3.50). To book, telephone 0171-836 2330 (Tues to Sun; Ilam to 7pm)

Oct 15. The New Sceptics. Does new writing have a heart? What are today's writers' concerns? Stephen Daldry (artistic director of the Royal Court; Max Stafford Clark (Out of Joint theatre company), and playwrights Mark Ravenhill and Joe Penhall

Oct 22. Across the Media. The problems of adaptation are dis-cussed by Nigel Williams, the novelist, playwright, and former editor of BBC2's Omnibus programme, and Jonathan Holloway, whose adoptation of Barrleby is currently at the Pleasance Theatre, London

Oct 29. Theatre ghettos. Gay plays, black plays, Irish plays: is theatre being over-categorised and, as a result, preaching to and entertaining the already con-verted? The panel includes Philip Hedley (Theatre Royal Stratford

members. The series has been devised by the club. the Theatre Museum and

East), Philip Osment (Gay Sweat-shop) and Hardial Rai (Watermans Aris Centre)

Nov 5. Does foreign theatre travel? Why does Britain stage so little work from other countries? Producer Thelma Holt, trans-lator Jeremy Sams and critic John Elsom discuss

Nov 12. Do we need the play-wright? What influence is perfor-mance art and physical theatre having on traditional theatre? Tom Morris of Battersea Arts Centre and performance artists Jonathan Stone and Andrey Barteney discuss

Nov 19. From Fringe to Up West. What happens to a play when it moves from a small venue to the West End? Jenny Topper, artistic director of Hampstead Theatre. the Royal Court's chief executive, Vicky Heywood, and playwright Kevin Elyot tell all

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Frank Finlay is riveting as the handyman with something to hide in Ronald Harwood's play



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The cranks and crazies of the Midwest are brought to life on the stage of the Gate

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Harwood's latest; plus a fringe round-up

Netting the village Nazi

FASCISTS in a quiet village sumewhere in southeast England? That will not surprise anybody who has seen a certain sort of old lady marching across the green, moustache bristling. umbrella in fist. But Ronald Harwood has a more troubled, sobering and topical figure in mind. The protagonist of his absorbing Handyman is a British counterpart of America's Demjanjuk, the aged car-worker plucked from obscurity in Cleveland to face trial for atructities allegedly committed in Ukraine 50 years before. Complicity with Nazism is much on Harwood's mind these days. His

> The Handyman Minerva, Chichester

recent Taking Sides involved the accusations against the conductor Furtwängler. But here the supposed crime is a lot worse than raising a baton for Hitler. The huddled, shuffling, chalk-faced old handyman so rivetingly played by Frank Finlay graduated from the Ukrainian nationalist militia to a Ukrainian SS division. having taken a leading role in the massacre of some 800 Jews; or so the British police now claim.

Did Romka Kozachenko do it? If so, does it matter, now that he is a thoroughly decent, God-fearing old man? Should we British really have put retrospective legislation in place to arraign the war criminals of 50 years ago? The obvious questions are duly raised by Romka's employers. Hugh Bonneville's Julian, an aggressive young financier, thinks the whole affair a costly fuss about nothing. Kate Lynn-Evans's Cressida is a more robust and, in Harwood's view, more worrying believer in his innocence.

HIRED GUNT.C., the Windy City's new rival to legendary Chicago company Steppenwolf, are in town. Get along to the Gate in Notting Hill where they are portraying the cranks and crazies of the Midwest with intense naturalism.

Bug, Tracy Letts's funny and disturbing new thriller. traps us in a tiny shack where Agnes (tough yet susceptible Shannon Cochran) lives alone. She has been holed up there, superficially having a high old time snorting coke but vulnerably lonely after losing her child. Now. Jerry, her obsessive, violent ex-husband (superbly gross, roach-like Marc Nelson) returns to pester her. At the same time, the seeming-



Francesca Hunt and Frank Finlay play the solicitor and the eponymous handyman in Ronald Harwood's play

I suspect that Harwood will not be wholly pleased if I say that the most effective encounters in the play are those in which two policemen politely quiz Romka. With Allan Surtees's unrepentant anti-Semite and Sheila Burrell's devastated old nun appearing above the stage to give faces and voices to their statements, the action combines the tension of a good thriller with the gravity of terrible wrongs remembered. But the scenes in which Julian and Cressida discuss the issues with

ly sensitive Gulf veteran Peter

(stringy Michael Shannon)

He and Agnes, against all

the odds, are a touching

couple. Peter tells Agnes he

has escaped from a psychiatric

hospital where the Army has

been conducting medical ex-

periments. But then invisible

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fest the shack. Peter's conspir-

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late solicitor they have hired, surely matter more to Harwood; and they do not come so fully to life.

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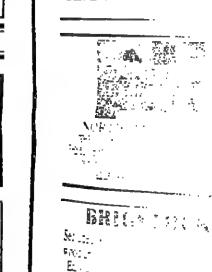
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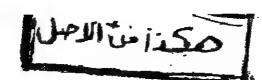
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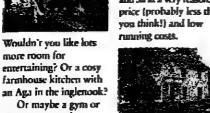
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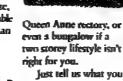
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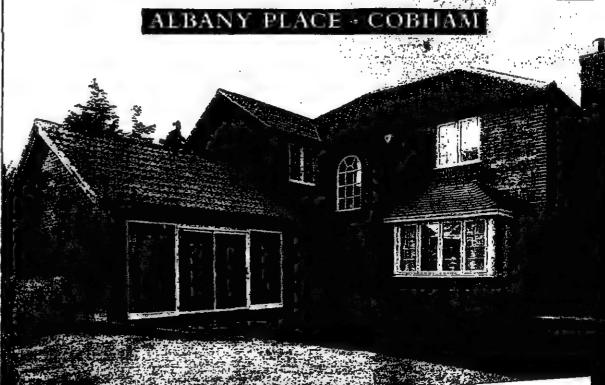
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New developments could include low-cost housing. But there might be problems. Rachel Kelly reports

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to build at least 100,000 new homes a year for people on low incomes. So says the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Housing Corporation (the Government's quango which provides low-cost housing) the housing charity Shelter, the distinguished housing academic Dr Christine Whitehead from London University, and even the Environment Department.
But where will all these low-cost

homes be built? And who is to build them? Local authorities have given up building homes and greatly reduced their stock of council houses since the sell-off programme of the late 1980s. Homeless families are relying increasingly on the private rented sector, subsidised by the escalating housing benefit budget to pay average rents of £130 a week, according to the London Research

The answer could be developers - and their hands could be forced by the Government, because of the planning system. Last month the Environment Department's latest planning guidance to local authorities was that before they gave the go-ahead for new developments. builders should provide at least some social housing on suitable sites. Of course, not all sites are appropriate. Builders should provide affordable housing on larger sites over 1.5 hectares or where 40plus houses are being built. The rules are different for suitable inner London sites, and in settlements of under 3.000 in rural areas. On sites of at least one hectare and 25 new homes, builders must include affordable housing. Why smaller sites have been spared the burden is unclear.

The proportion of a site to be dedicated to affordable housing is a matter of negotiation between the local authority and the developer. after a housing needs survey which must be carried out by that local authority. The guidance is the culmination of long-standing govpublic and private housing, as part of its wider aim of encouraging private and public-sector partnerships. The concept of "partnership housing" was pioneered by Lovell Homes when it undertook its first scheme with the Borough of Thamesdown in 1971, building council housing alongside private homes. Since then, Wimpey, Bell-way and Loveli have worked alongside local authorities and housing associations, especially in urban regeneration. Established builders have set up specialist divisions to build low-cost homes for rent alongside their private practice, funded chiefly by the Housing Corporation, which now bears government responsibility for providing new homes for rent.

The scheme has angered developers. Ian Shiner, of the Londonbased Mark Oliver Homes, says: This is a virtual tax on private-sector development."

In theory, local authorities must allocate enough land for housing in their development plans, but builders fear that they will reject plans for affordable housing and sell the land to boost revenue.

In Yorkshire, Kirklees Metropol-itan Council put forward an affordable housing requirement of 760 houses a year, a figure it is going to find hard to meet. The council has been more innovative than most in solving the problem by introducing cross-subsidies, where part of the price of a site is used to subsidise a housing association's funding needs. It has been working with Mark Oliver Homes in devising a DoE-approved low-cost housingfor-sale scheme.

Grants to housing associations have been cut, and developers are cautious over footing the bill. Who will have to install new infrastructure, for example?

Developers may find ways around the new obligations: they may even be forced to. Banks that fund developments are opposed to the inclusion of social housing



The estate on the edge of Claverley in Shropshire: the sale of the 20 homes helped to keep the rents low on 12 houses

MIXED BLESSINGS OF A PYBRID DEVELOPMENT

WHEN Deborah Williams and her husband decided to buy their first home, they looked to a new development of two, three and fourbedroom homes, in the village of Claverley, in Shropshire, Amanda Loose writes,

Mrs Williams says: "My husband is in the Forces, so until last year we lived in rented accommodation on base. But we decided to buy, and came across the development in

What is different about the Danforth Heath estate is that 12 of the 32 houses were built for rental as a low-cost social housing develop-ment, subsidised by the sale of the other 20 homes. The development was a partnership be-tween Bridgnorth District Council, Sanctuary

because it increases the risk in-

volved in lending by reducing the value of the underlying security. Builders could request planning for

39 houses, thus reducing the num-

The proposals raised expecta-

tions that the huge need for such housing, particularly in rural ar-

eas, might finally be met. But there

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Housing Association and the developers Lovell Partnerships. Work started in January 1994, and the Williamses moved in in April 1995. David Gladwyn of Lovell Partnerships says:

"Our main concern was to gauge the market so we could make as much money as possible on the land to cross-subsidise the social housing. We also wanted to combine this with providing homes for a cross-section of people, to fit in with the rest of village."

The company built four detatched, fourbedroom houses which sold for about £140,000. The remaining 16 homes built for sale were two or three-bedroom houses, selling for £75,000 to £85,000. Along with the money Sanctuary raised privately, the cross-subsidy enabled Lov-

ell to build 12 low-cost homes on the same site. A further 20 were also built in nearby Shifnal. Tenants for the social housing scheme were nominated by the district council Mrs Williams says: "The two sets of houses

are completely separate, with separate access. Our three-bedroom house is in a cul-de-sac, which the social housing runs parallel to. If the private and housing association properties had been mixed together we might have had reservations, which might not have been justified, when we came to buy."

Mrs Williams feels the development has

worked, and that in any case you can never really choose your neighbours. "People often buy houses," she says, "then let them out."

that there is no evidence that social housing has any detrimental value on a site." He adds that social housing is rarely low-quality.

The purpose of the recommenda-

tions is to make more land available for affordable housing. But what the scheme actually does is to transfer the cost for the provision of social housing to those who choose to buy privately built houses on large schemes. These will inevitably become more expensive.

London's most popular buildings

THE architect George Gilbert Scott is said to have made a point of passing the Midland Grand Hotel by St Pancras station every morning on his way to work, David Altheer writes. He would pause, then weep

tears of delight at the beauty of his High Victorian design. More than a century later. Sir George would have been even more delighted that his building had attracted the highest number of visitors during Open House this

month, a project organised to give the public a chance to see the interiors of some of London's finest architecture -buildings that are usually closed to the public.

During the two days of Open House, 8,000 people queued — some for up to an hour and a half - for a chance to walk up the building's magnificently decorated spiral staircase and to marvel at the detail of some of the adjacent rooms such as the "Lady's Smoking Room" and at the damage wreaked by decades of occupation by British Rail.

Cinema-lovers were also eager to see the Ealing Studios. west London, built by Robert Atkinson in 1930 and now home to the National Film & Television School. Eight hundred of them turned up in one day. Huge queues assembled, too, for Lincoln's Inn. just off Fleet Street, built circa 1400, but attendance figures have not yet been collated.

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mixed communities." The other major question mark is

can make only a small dent in the need for affordable homes." whether consumers will wish to

Catherine Chater of Action with Communities in Rural England is equally dismayed. "We find it extraordinary that the Government has now chosen to prevent local authorities from negotiating an ele-ment of social housing on sites of

verse, given the Government's own admission of a shortage of rural social housing and its support for

buy houses at such schemes, given the inevitable tensions between "us" and "them": the haves and have-nots. But Mr Shiner believes that mixed tenure can work on large sites.

He says: "If you can differentiate between the types of housing, we see no reason why it shouldn't work. On our latest 50-acre site we've provided a community centre and shops, and there is separate access. It works because of the way the land lies and the way in which the scheme has been designed." Ian Marris of Knight Frank says

"Is it morally right," Mr Shiner asks, "for the developers to provide the social housing that the Govern-ment should be providing?"

Country rentals are in style

Amanda Loose sees a change

in the market

The country house rentals market is booming. Homeownership no longer has the social cachet it once had. Figures from Strutt & Parker show that the number of tenants who prefer to rent, even though they can afford to buy, has risen for the third consecutive year, from 33 per cent to 38 per cent since 1995.

Renting in the country is now socially acceptable, says Anna Sugden of the firm's country lettings. Large rural properties account for more than a third of lettings nationally. And the market is still growing.

As the number of people seeking rented country houses for holidays or weekends rises, says Strutt & Parker, owners of desirable houses are raising their rents.

Rental values for four-bedroom period country houses have risen since 1994, by 51 per cent in Kent, 46 per cent in Essex and 11 per cent in Hampshire over the past two years. A five-bedroom country house near Newbury can cost anything from £1.600 a month to more than £2,000 a month. Similar properties in Buckinghamshire, with gardener, can reach £2,750. They are

being snapped up.

Bill Hughes of Cluttons's country division says: "Owners of country houses are now more likely to consider letting their house rather than selfing, because of the big rents now being paid."

Often, according to agents, rental country houses are taken before they are even advertised on the open market. The trend has been boosted by the shortage of country houses on Ms Sugden says: "The de-

mand for country houses to rent has risen as the shortage of good quality country houses to buy has grown. Many of our clients want to buy something in the area, but have been unable to find the right house. So they want to rent, and they continue looking." Barbara Blanchard of John

D. Wood lettings agrees. "In the southern areas I deal with. from Surrey to Dorset, lew country houses are for sale at present," she says. "When a good property comes on the market, it is snapped up.



Guy and Katrina Fletcher and daughter Liberty at Brimpton

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KATRINA and Guy Fletcher moved from Devon to Brimpton, between Newbury and Reading, four years ago, and could not find anything suitable to buy at the time. Mrs Fletcher says: "We moved quickly, and were lucky to get something which had just come up for rent."

They rented their first house, near Reading, for three years, before moving to their 200-year-old four-bedroom cottage, situated in the middle of a wood. They pay £1,000 a month in rent.

Mrs Fletcher works for Strutt & Parker, and is well aware of the pitfails and benefits of buying and renting. "We actually prefer to rent." she says. There is a shortage of houses for sale in the £250,000 to £350,000 price range at the moment. Renting is so much more flexible -we can get more space for our

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money." The Fletchers have two daughters, aged 13 and 16, living at home. They each have a pony, and the house they have been renting for the last year has two acres of land and three stables.

Mr Fletcher commutes to London each day, which takes about an hour from Reading, and the family all prefer to

live in the country and enjoy riding and walking.

"I like doing country things

in my spare time," says Mrs Fletcher, "and I don't like to live on top of other people. I hate the hurly-burly of London life: 1 prefer to go up just for the odd day."

home, and are planning ultimately to move to the country. But first, they want to check out commuting times, schooling, and the country life." Parents in the know are now getting organised even earlier in the great country house ren-

cent higher than in north Suf-folk. Many Londoners have

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who had already booked her son in at a prep school in Oxfordshire for Easter 1997, and wondered whether she was perhaps a little too early in her quest for a country house to rent near by. By the looks of things, she's on track.

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Similarly, the demand for country houses to rent also outsinps supply." More Londoners are seek-

ing country houses near schools. They must also be near to good road and rail links with the capital. The counties that top the rental ratings are unsurprisingly, about an hour by rail from London.

Alison Muller of Knight Frank rentals in Oxford says: "Country life is back in fashion. Often, people are letting their houses in London, and moving to the country in search of good schools."

Even if the house is just for holiday use, it will often be chosen because it is close to the children's school. "Parents don't want to spend much of their weekends and holidays in the car, driving children to

and from school," she says.
Oxfordshire boasts The Dragon prep school and Cherwell School, among others. Other rental hotspots with scholastic lure include the areas near Shrewsbury House school in Surrey. St Felix School in Suffolk, The King's School, Canterbury, and Eton College in Berkshire and Bedales School in Hampshire.

Philip Scarff of Savills's rentals in Suffolk says that August has been a particularly busy month because tenants wanted to be settled before the beginning of the new school year.

"In south Suffolk." he says. many of the people looking for country houses to rent are coming from London, and want both full-time, and second homes. So rental levels in this area can be up to 30 per

tal handicap. Ms Muller spoke to one parent yesterday



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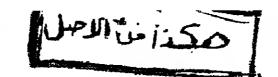
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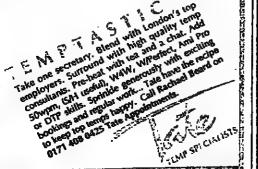
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Britain in danger of being left at the starting line

JOHN MAJOR wants a successful sporting nation, rightly healthy nation. He needs to direct urgent attention to the somnolent government administration if Great Britain is not to become an international

The British Olympic Association (BOA) today holds its annual meeting with a de-briefing from Craig Reedie, the chairman, on the Games in Atlanta, where Britain's tally of 15 medals was perceived at home as being unsatisfactory. The stark warning from Professor Peter Radford. the executive chairman of the British Athletic Federation (BAF), is that the future is likely to be worse rather than better, unless the government arm, the new UK Sports Council, wakes up. Six months ago Radford

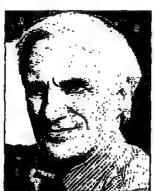
made an application to the National Lottery, via the old Sports Council - shortly to become the English section under the umbrella of a new. so-called streamlined United Kingdom body - for £9 million. This is intended for adequate preparation of competitors for the next Games, at Sydney in 2000. Unbelievably, the reply was: "Apply again in the autumn for allocation in November 1997.*

Such is the procrastination between one quango and another, between paper-shuffling sinecure chairmen. Sir Rodney Walker (old council) and Lord MacLaurin (new UK council), both of whom keep their titled heads beneath the parapet when the flak flies, that those with responsibility at the sharp end are frustratingly balked. While Government fiddles, prospects burn.

"We were trying to set the pace," Radford said. "We didn't want to wait until post-Atlanta. Now, another year is likely to have gone, a quarter of the Olympic cycle, before anything happens. If we don't get adequate funding, we're in danger of slipping into the second division. We're still doing things in the old, amateurish way. A long-term programme needs long-term

So absurd is the procrasti-nation, the lack of co-ordination of national interests, that Lord Archer, a former international sprinter and one of many alarmed about the decline of standards, wrote to Sir Rodney requesting immediate response to the BAF's needs. Sir Rodney has replied: "We expect to be in a position to announce our policies and structures on revenue funding in November 1996, with a view to considering first grant applications in February 1997. The earth has moved.

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Radford: stark warning

BOA, Radford had negotiated for adjustment to lottery fund regulations, to make funds available for competitor preparation as well as facilitycreation, without which Britain cannot hope to match the rest of the world's leading nations on equal terms. It is trite to argue, as some did after the disappointments of Atlanta, that more money would not necessarily mean

more medals. The equation in the long term is undeniable. Radford called the existing rant-aid funding for athletics from the (old) Sports Council "derisory": £1 million over four years. "[Some] athletes have to keep families," he said.

"If they are obliged to go for the pay day [when selecting their schedule] and not because it's the right competition for their preparation be-fore the Olympics or world championships, we'll get the results we deserve. Some competitors were preparing for

Atlanta with no income at all."
In spite of this, British competitors finished in the top five in 12 track and field events at Atlanta, a reflection of Britain's continuing natural talent, even if there was no gold medal-winner. It is iron-ic, Radford reflected, that this relative success was deemed a failure while the nation was rejoicing in one player. Tim Henman, reaching the last eight at Wimbledon.

Reedie will be stressing the same message today: far from pessimistic but concerned at the increasing investment in success by rival nations that are now eroding Britain's traditional prestige. Den-mark, for example, won four gold medals in Atlanta compared with one for Britain -Redgrave and Pinsent — and, per head of its population of five million, commits nearly ten times the public financial support by Britain to its Olympic team.

Denmark are hugely resourced compared with us," Reedie said. The critical area for us is the revision of lottery rules, to enable funding of governing bodies and com-

Reedie is also frustrated by the Sports Council bureaucracy, but emphasised that Britain's collective performance in Atlanta was not the failure widely portrayed, with an increase in silver medals from Barcelona of three to eight: and that, while Britain's team was reduced in size by a quarter, the number of competing nations had risen by 17

If Britain wishes to hold its own, the Government, or its

Youn g Ardiles is midfield maestro

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HAILEYBURY'S footballers were triumphant; pioneers in the Independent S, chools Cup yesterday with a c onsummate first round victory in a match that they could we :ll have won by five clear goals . In the four years of the Boodle & Dunthorne Cup . Haileybury are the first sci 100l that predominantly pla: ys rugby dur-ing the winter to enter the

Yesterday, Ardiles, the son of Ossie, illuminating t' r se midfield, they were always in mpressive, making a mocket, " y of the fact that they have paractised together only three tit anes this term. The boys were ex a cused rugby practice yesterdially to take part in Freddie. whose father, the

former Arg & Intina and Tottenham Hotsp# ur midfield player, coaches St i imizu Pulse, who play in the Japanese Cup final today, said: "Rugby is the No I game her: e, but football is certainly !: ecoming more pop-ular." Abr out 230 out of 500 boys playe at football in the lent term an d, last February, Haileybu ry won the six-a-side competition, which is restricted to t he 25 independent schools who play football only in the ne :w year. Davici

Pyle, the master in charge s of football at Haileybury, sat jd: "This term we have been gir ven space within the practise. At this stage, week to that is a smuch as I can ask for and ev eryone here has been extremi ely encouraging." eybury first began play-otball in 1967, when a Hail

boy, Jo hn Wallace, led a group fellow pupils to persuade the staff to allow footto take place. Their initia[.] tive may now be followed her schools, who principlayed rugby this term whose old boys' team parti cipate in the Arthur Dur in Cup. These include Har row, Eastbourne and perdashers' Aske's.

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hey will be encouraged by fact that so many of the st distinguished institutes ha: ve been regular entries in annual Boodle unthorne Cup. Mark Dickson, of Shrews-

bury, who organises the knockout competition, which this year attracted 35 entries, said: "We were satisfied that Haileybury could fulfil fixtures this time, had a decent pitch and that they do play football there at all

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Freddie Ardiles, who had a hand in Haileybury's first goal, shows his poise on the ball

Haileybury were both more forceful and more inventive in midfield, where Ardiles combined nimbly with Scott O'Donoghue, the captain, and a constant danger to Batley. Ardiles fed O'Donoghue for the first goal after 38 minutes

and Malcolm Bradford, a bustling striker, added a second in the 54th. O'Donoghue neatly curled a free kick round a defensive wall for the third

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Rincon wins

Cycling: The Spanish ONCE team continued its domination of the Tour of Spain yesterday when Oliverio Rin-con, of Colombia, won the seventeenth stage, beating Laurent Jalabert, his team colleague and the overall win-ner last year. Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, retains the over-

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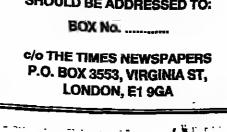
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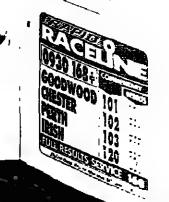




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Riyadian withdrawn from Arc after Newbury setback

BRITISH ambitions on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe suffered a major reverse yesterday when Riyadian was ruled out of the 12-furlong contest. The four-year-old renumed home less than sound from a gallop at Newbury racecourse on Saturday. Riyadian's setback is a bit-

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ter pill for his connections, who had targeted him at the race all year. A 12-1 chance prior to his withdrawal, Riyadian ventured to the racecourse just once this season when comfortably landing the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in May. Paul Cole, who trains the horse, and Fahd Salman, his owner, were last night discussing Riyadian's future.

Referring to his Newbury workout. Cole said yesterday: "He only cantered round but was a bit stiff and sore. He was ridden this morning but to run in the Arc you have to be spot on. We have run out of time. It is a great shame because he is one of the few really good horses I have ever had, although he has always been a very difficult horse to

Suggestions that all was not well with Riyadian surfaced when he failed to show for his intended prep race in the Prix

Foy carlier this month. Cole's burning ambition to win the Paris showpiece was fuelled when Generous, his Derby and King George winner, was comprehensively beaten at Longchamp in 1991. The defeat emphasised to Cole that only fresh horses win the Arc. hence Riyadian's light campaign this season. The Whatcombe trainer has Strategic Choice engaged in the Arc but the five-year-old is more likely to contest the Gran Premio del Jockey-Chub in

Italy the following weekend. Coral yesterday took account of Riyadian's defection by trimming its ante-post book. Helissio remains 3-1 favourite, followed by 6-1 Zagreb, 13-2 (from 7-1) Pentire,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KING PARROT (5.00 Goodwood) Next best: Heart (2.20 Chester)

Swain, 7-1 (from 8-1) Classic Cliche, Darazari, and 10-1

(from 12-1) Shaamit. Olivier Peslier, confirmed earlier this week as Helissio's big-race jockey, yesterday telegraphed his intention to ride regularly in Britain by appointing David "Shippy" Ellis

as his agent on these shores. The new partnership has been quick to make its mark: Peslier has four rides at the Festival of British Racing at Ascot on Saturday. But Shake The Yoke, his intended mount in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, seems destined to miss the event in favour of a race in Kentucky next month.

Peslier, 25, has created a favourable impression in a handful of British foruys. He was initially championed by Paul Kelleway, who engaged the jockey for Glory Of Danc-

er's classic campaign.

After winning the Dante
Stakes at York, Peslier gave Glory Of Dancer a textbook ride round Epsom where the combination finished fourth in the Derby. A double at Royal Ascot, courtesy of Shake The Yoke and Southern Power, served to amplify Peslier's

The esteem in which Peslier is held in Britain is demonstrated by his rides at Ascot on Saturday, Lucky Lionel, Celes-tial Key, Prancing and Plaisir D'Amour hail from four different stables. "A lot of French jockeys have received a bad reception here," Ellis said, "but this one is different. He is young and enthusiastic, and he wants to broaden his horizons. Arranging rides for him has been very straightfor-

Furthermore, Peslier has been rampant in France this season. Retained by Daniel Wildenstein, he leads Thierry Jamet by more than 30 winners in the French jockeys'

He recently rode seven winners in just three days, including Helissio in the Prix Niel. journeys to Toronto on Sunday to ride Wildenstein's Gunboat Diplomacy in the Canadian International, formerly the Rothmans.



Weaver initiates a 140-1 treble on Atlantic Desire in the Walter Nightingall Maiden Stakes at Epsom vesterday

Johnston's raid reaps 140-1 treble

MARK JOHNSTON made the 254-mile journey from his Middleham base to Epsom worthwhile when all three of his runners won under his stable, jockey Jason Weaver, for a 140-1 treble.

Atlantic Desire set up yesterday's sequence when cruising to a six-length triumph in the Walter Nightingall Maiden Stakes. Balladoole Bajan followed up last month's Thirsk victory with a half-length win in the Staff Ingham Nursery Handicap, while Maid For Baileys was finally rewarded for consistency when getting off the mark in

the Ladbroke Handicap. Second in eight of her 13 starts, Maid For Baileys held Don't Get Caught by three-quarters of a length, and may now be retired. "At last she's cracked it," Johnston's assistant, James Given, said. "I know her owner, Paul Venner, is keen to breed from her and he may decide to retire her now.

"Mark told me not to come back without a winner when I went to Newbury and Wolverhampton on Saturday and I felt I'd let him down when I turned in on Monday with no successes to report. But hopefully he will be pleased with today's haul."

Richard Quinn was also in good form, completing a double on Mount Pleasant and Magellan. He picked up the ride on the latter after an injury to usual jockey Brett Doyle, Doyle bruised his ankle when Fruitie O'Flarety threw him in the stalls in the opening race, and had to give up the rest of his rides.

Formerly trained in Dubai, Magellan made all the running to inflict another defeat on Double Leaf, beating the Derby tenth by two lengths in the Stanley Wootton Conditions Stakes. "He's a horse who had a bit of

temperament but he has gone as sweet as a nut today," Magellan's trainer, Clive Brittain, said. "It's a shame Brett couldn't ride because he has done a marvellous job and rides all his work. He's bruised the inside of his ankle and should be all right tomorrow."

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.30 Silca's My Key 3.30 Waterspout

4.30 Paley Prince 5.00 Mr Rough 5.30 Divine

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 BAL HARBOUR (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 DEEKS & STEERE BUILDING CONTRACTORS BOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,623: 71) (10 runners)

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212 (4) 34 CITY GAMBLER 7 (J Mary G Gracery 7-13 Decian O'Steel —

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215 (12) THE KALIMAN 74 (D.F) (Files Recing) P Cole 7-10 F Morton 93

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4.30 FRIALATOR INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (£4,013: 51) (20 numers)

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5.00 TETLEY FOODSERVICE CLAIMING HANDICAP

(£4.468: 1m) (22 runners)

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5.30 MERBURY CATERING CONSULTANTS HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,628: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Beaumont. 4.20 Entrepreneur.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 CARDEN MAIDEN STAKES

(£4,107: 1m 5f 89yd) (9 runners) 5-4 Gieger Fox, 4-1 Bellet High, Heart, 5-1 Gulber, 8-1 Wylner, 12-1 others.

2.50 MARFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,626: 71 2yd) (10)

3.20 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY

HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £5,865: 71 2yd) (12)

4.20 HESWALL CONDITIONS STAKES

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2.10 Rushen Raider. 2.40 Blue Charm. 3.10 4,40 Dr Edgar.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

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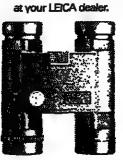
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Adams can

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Arsenal to

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mission

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE IN COLOGNE TRAVELLING hopefully, 3-2 down after their disappointing Uefa Cup first leg deteat by Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Arsenal arrived here in exu-

berant mood, despite flight

delays, with two managers. One, who will bow out after

this game. is Pat Rice, who will be keeping the bench warm for the other. Arsène

Arsenal must do without

CARDIFF - EAST

Lee Dixon, their right back.

who strained a hamstring on

Saturday against Middles-

brough. Martin Keown, most

probably, will switch from the

centre to right back if, as

seems likely. Tony Adams plays. Severely missed in the

first leg. Adams went on for an

hour at Middlesbrough after

playing in just one reserve

Rice was most enthusiastic.

Tony will give his knowledge

of Euro 96," he said. "He will

give even more impetus to the

rest of the side with his

leadership qualities. If Tony

says to me he's OK, we'll play

the same team that played at

Adams, inevitably, does not look fully fit, but he will

probably start the game. He seemed to have put his alcohol

problems behind him. He

follows the fashion of some

American boxers in speaking

of himself in the third person.

"It's important what Tony

Adams thinks," he said, "and

not what other people think. (feel good, I feel really good,

Middlesbrough."

Wenger, fresh from Japan.

Rapid progress is key to United's European aims

IF MANCHESTER United are to go any way towards resurrecting the reputation English football in the European Cup Champions' League this season, they simply must beat Rapid Vienna at Old Trafford tonight.

Talk of United never having lost in 55 games covering 40 years of European competition at their own ground must be tempered by remembering that it was Peter Schmeichel, their goalkeeper, whose lastminute goal against Rotor Volgograd preserved that record in the Uefa Cup last

Playing the new managers' game of bluff and double bluff, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, revealed nothing about his intended line-up. "I will be picking a team to impose our skills on Vienna, he said, but added enigmatically that he would be "looking at areas where we can hurt them, rather than picking our

So, the infernal guessing game. United have imponderables in all departments. Ferguson sent Gary Pallister home early from training yesterday, but implied that, unless there is a reaction to the left knee that the defender

wrenched at Aston Villa on Saturday, his experience will

Assuming the manager is as good as his word, he will pair Pallister at the heart of defence with Ronny Johnsen, the Norwegian who is gaining preference over David May. "Both Johnsen and Pallister are quick and comfortable on the ball," Ferguson said last weekend.

Then we come to midfield.

Roy Keane has played just once since his knee operation. but the Irishman puts the fire into United and, when reasonably controlled, it is a charge that gives United much of what they so feebly lacked in competitive terms against Juventus in Turin a fortnight ago. Whether Nicky Butt plays alongside Keane, or whether the more thoughtful precision of David Beckham is chosen, we must await to see.

One cannot believe that Ferguson will trust the flanks. as in Turin, to Karel Poborsky and Jordi Cruyff, for they looked out of their depth on that occasion. Ferguson, for his part, insists there was no tactical error against Juventus, only "one or two

who got stage fright". Ferguson himself spoke of

Sullivan supports FA over crowd trouble

DAVID SULLIVAN, the Birmingham City owner, has offered the Football Association his support should it decide to ban supporters of the club from away games after violent scenes at the end of the Nationwide League first division match with Manchester City at Maine

Road on Saturday.
The trouble broke out at the end where Birmingham supporters were congregated after Georgi Kinkladze secured victory for Manchester City with a penalty two minutes from time.

thrown at police and stewards, leading to three arrests. "I know exactly how the fans

should have made better use of it.

VAK10954

+K1093

The defence started with two

rounds of hearts. South ruff-

ing the second. He played a

trump; West won and contin-

ued with a third heart. Declar-

er ruffed again, drew the outstanding trump and played

ace, king and another dia-mond. He was hoping that diamonds were either 3-3 or

that a defender had two hon-ours doubleton. When this did

not turn out to be the case.

declarer went one down.

When declarer ruffed dum-my's third heart, he should

have continued with a spade to

the jack, drawing East's out-

standing trump. Then he ruffs dummy's last heart. He con-

tinues with a diamond to

dummy's king and then plays

the nine of diamonds, running it if East plays low. In this way, he will still make his

contract if diamonds break 3-3

or if one defender has two

a. An apothecary-in-training

b. An ancient Luddite

c. A geology term

b. Barricade rubble

French courtship

BARRATRY

a. Fraud at sea

APOTACTITE

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

Could he have done better?

Dealer West

felt; I felt the same," Sullivan said. "I am sure that they were baited by the Manchester City fans, but 50 or 100 of them let the club down. They have got to think about the consequences of their actions. There are no excuses for ripping out seats and getting involved in fights."

Birmingham already have the threat of action hanging over them after incidents at St Andrew's last season during games against Leeds United and Millwall.

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been told that he will not need surgery on the knee injury that has prevented him from playing this season.

Game all

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

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honours doubleton, but he is

also home on the given lay-

out. If East plays an honour on

the second diamond, declarer

rises with the ace, dropping West's jack, and plays a third

diamond, setting up his eight for a club discard. On the other hand, if East plays low

on the second diamond, de-

clarer ducks this to West who

has to play a club or give a ruff

and discard, either of which

On this bidding, West was more likely than East to be short in diamonds. Even with-

out that information, it is

better to duck the diamond to

West — if he then plays a club.

declarer can try the queen with the diamond break in

reserve. That would not apply

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

if East played the club.

section on Saturday.

SQUALENE

SHRIMPY

a. Shark liver oil

a. Pigmy-featured b. A winter coat

c. Shrimp-filled

c. A Dublin brothel

b. A note of whale-music

gives declarer his contract.

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The diamond suit on this hand looks mundane, but the declarer

78632

+KQ10873

+A872

+A5

FK98

+98

fright at the Cliff, United's training ground, yesterday. "The record [55 games] can be intimidating for opponents," little bit intimidating for myself. I don't want to be the manager who loses for the If he is not to be that.

presuming that Ryan Giggs will fly on the wing and, inevitably, that Eric Cantona will he the catalyst between midfield and attack, who will lead the line?

On Saturday, United apneared to have two halves of the centre-forward needed to take on Europe. In the first half the Norwegian Ole Gun-nar Solskjar showed adroit leadership and positional sense, and drew United's midfield players around him with his fine passing. When he left and Andy Cole came on as a substitute, we had one sudden. darting Licker of Cole's instinct to strike. His header, seen as an opportunity by Cole alone, rebounded off the crossbar. Is this enough to re-assert the former Newcastle United goalscorer over Solskjar, whose team work is markedly

The opposition will be obdurate in the extreme. Rapid Vienna came through August in barren form in the Austrian League, yet, wearing their European cloak, the same team joyously eliminated Dynamo Kiev 6-2 in the qualifying round for the Champions'

A curious team, Rapid, who reached the final of last season's Cup Winners' Cup thanks to the goals of Carsten Jancker and Christophe Stumpf. Jancker has since defected back to his German homeland, Stumpf remains and headed Rapid's equalising goal when they struggled against Fenerbahçe

two weeks ago. Ernst Dogokupil, their manager, sees nothing to fear in United's home record. "We know they are unbeaten for 55 matches," he said. "But that of playing there . . . all things come to an end, I wish I could say it will be this night."



Gascoigne proved his return to full fitness by scoring two goals in the final 25 minutes against Kilmarnock

Rangers plan all pace attack

speed they possess not only to outstrip Auxerre in the European Cup Champions' League at Ibrox this evening, but also to catch a tournament that threatens to move off without them. In Zurich a fortnight ago, Rangers lost 3-0 to Grass-hopper-Club in the opening game in group A and last season they never recovered from a similarly spluttering

In domestic competition, an allusion to pace is generally a euphemism for violence. Managers will often speak of maintaining a high tempo when they really envisage only a barrage of rashly-directed tackles. The physicality of British football, however, can also be honourable.

Rangers proved it, after falling behind at lbrox, by sweeping aside Alania Vladikavkaz, the Russian champions, with a torrent of direct attacking in the preliminary round. Now Paul Gasfitness was so evident in Zurich, is in better condition and capable of shaping the Kevin McCarra stresses the need for a

Rangers victory over Auxerre tonight

side's energy. "We went into shock against Grasshopper." Gascoigne said.

"You might normally have one or two players out of form, but in that game there were about nine of us like that. We were ready for the game, but we just didn't play and we got stuffed. Now we hope to go out and do better."

On Saturday Gascoigne scored twice against Kilmarnock in the last 25 minutes and, while those opponents are not to be confused with Auxerre, his capacity to make a great contribution so late in a game was encouraging. As so often, his form, and that of Brian Laudrup, will provide the best index to Rangers'

prospects. On their own ground, however, the team also needs to see effective displays from less rich, the defence, in which so much trust has been placed, failed in elementary duties

the same - he's a winner. As a

player and manager, he has

won trophies by the dozen and

has one of the game's great

curricula vitae. Which is prob-

ably what attracted the inter-

est of Southampton when they set about replacing Dave

Merrington as their manager

in the summer. Right now,

though, Souness may be won-dering what attracted him to

Second from bottom of the

FA Carling Premiership with

a record of played seven, lost

five, drawn two, won none, Southampton seem about as

such as marking at free kicks. Indeed, all of Grasshopper's goals were scored from set-

The suspension of Gordan Petric forces Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, to switch to a back four and Craig Moore, a right back, will come into the revised line-up. Even with Stuart McCall doubtful, Rangers are still less handicapped than their rivals.

Auxerre will be without two centre halves, Franck Silvestre, the captain, and Ned Zelic, the former Queens Park Rangers player, who are in-jured. "They have a comparatively new defence," Smith said, "and we must try to exploit it."

Auxerre deserve all the eulogies they receive. The club's rise, over the 36 years of Guy Roux's management, from re-gional football before crowds of 300 to European occasions in front of 20,000 people in the Abbé Deschamps stadium,

ous clubs to employ Souness's

talents in the manager's office.

as it is possible to be. Only

Blackburn Rovers are keeping

Southampton from the igno-

miny of propping up the entire

strange feeling. "I've never been there before," he said.

"It's certainly an experience

for me and it's not one that I

particularly enjoy, but there is

no other way to handle it than

to work very hard. We will be

asking a lot of questions about

our players in the coming weeks."

Souness admits that it is a

merits much respect. Nevertheless, success does not leave clubs such as Auxerre unscathed.

Their triumph in winning the league and cup in France acted as a cue for other clubs to plunder Roux's team. Laurent Blanc, Corentin Martins and Christophe Cocard all left this summer. Auxerre are accustomed to such depletions, but time is still required before they can be made good.

that Sabri Lamouchi, the midfield player, is now proving less influential in a weakened side. Having been beaten at home by Ajax in their ownopening match. Auxerre require victory at Ibrox almost as much as do Rangers, but their engagements with football in this country have

usually ended badly.
Since 1991, they have been knocked out of Europe by Liverpool, Arsenal and, last season, Nottingham Forest. English clubs have Ibrox audience is eager to see that malaise spread north of

and ready to get on with my That will be to stop Stefan Effenberg from running riot up front, as he did at Observers in France feel Highbury, while Pettersson.

the Swedish striker, is a new threat. The tall Patrick Vicira. the France Under-21 international, did not play in the first leg and could make a difference in midfield. "This isn't a mission impossible," he said. "We can win 2-0. We are a tremendously attacking team. we have players who can score against anybody, but we must

night - Efan Ekoku scoring

twice in a 3-1 loss at Selhurst

Park, Marcus Gayle getting

the other with a lone reply

from Matt Oakley - only

emphasised Southampton's

plight, aithough Souness, pre-

dictably perhaps, was unhap-py that two Wimbledon goals

"For the first goal, the linesman saw a push on our

goalkeeper, but he was over-

ruled," he said. "Just before

their second goal, the lines-

man flagged for a throw-in in

our favour and the referee

overruled him again."

were allowed to stand.

One difficulty, as David Platt was among those to emphasise, is to know just

how Borussia will approach the game. They are unpredictable to say the least; beaten 4-0 in Cologne in the Bundesliga two weeks ago, but 5-1 winners

champions. You can say they've got a problem as to how they approach the game." Platt said. "Do they come out and attack, or do they defend the advantage they've got? We've got to make sure we don't concede, because conceding is fatal. We've got to get the two goals. We're quite capable of doing it, we're confident we can do it, but we're conscious of being the underdog and we'd much

at home last Saturday against Borussia Dortmund, the

somewhat

score as soon as possible."

rather be in Borussia Mönchengladbach's shoes." BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH: U Kamps, H Fournier, P Andersson, J Neun, S Passipok, I Lupescu, M Schreder, J Pettersson, P Neiserr, A Justowath, S Effenberg ARSENAL: D Seuman, M Keswin, S Bould, A Adams, A Linghan, N Winserburn, P Merson, P Vietra, D Platt, I Winghk, J Hartson

Souness faces new problem EENE on CHESS far away from the likes of Defeat by Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Monday applies to Graeme Souness all Rangers and Liverpool, previ-

By Raymond Keene

Russia leads

Russia is pulling away from the field in the chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia. After seven rounds, Russia has 21 points out of 28, with Spain second on 194 and China sharing third on 18. The England team suffered a severe setback in the seventh round, losing 3-1 to Spain.

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

White: Lima (Brazil) Black: Shulman (Belorussia) Erevan Olympiad September 1996

Benko's Opening 14 Bc54 White resigns

Diagram of final position 双 基令汉

White's move 15, Nxd5 speculated on the response 15, ... Bxd5: 16, Qxg4. However. Black's clever reply foiled this plot. In the final position, where White resigned, 16, Bxd5 Bxd5+ leads to carnage.

White: Kasparov (Russia) Black: Hracek (Czech Rep) Erevan Olympiad September 1996 Sicilian Defence

e4 Nt3 cxd4 Nt6 Nc6 e6 e6 e6 Nxd4 Be7 b5 Ned4 Ne3 Bg5 Qd2 0-0-0 Qxd4 e5 l0b1 Ne2 Ng3 Nh5 19 NIG-1 19 Nine 20 axi6 21 Bg2 22 Sxd5 23 Rivel 24 Iees 25 Ca?

BCF news

At a meeting of the British Chess Federation over the weekend, the interesting decision was taken to elect Steve Davis, the snooker player, as esident of the Federation. Davis is an enthusiastic chess player and has co-authored one book on the game.

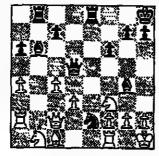
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Horwitz -Staunton, London, 1851. Black's queen is under attack. What is the best square?

Solution on page 46



CRICKET

Counties clear way for new governing body

By SIMON WILDE

DESPITE fears of last-minute revolts, the 20 members of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) voted unanimously in favour of ending its 28-year existence yesterday and establishing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on January I. The ECB will control the game at all

The special meeting, at Lord's, lasted just 90 minutes and was described by one delegate as all very amicable", but that might not have been the case had not the concerns of several of the counties who own Test match grounds, led by Warwick-shire, been speedily allayed.

They were anxious about the constitution of the First-Class Forum (FCF) within the ECB, which will represent the views of the 18 first-class counties. Warwickshire won an amendment stating that approval of the constitution must be by a two-thirds majority of the counties. The FCF constitution is being formulated by the working party, chaired by David Morgan, that produced the blueprint for the ECB. it should be ready by December.

A 15-man management board, chaired by Lord Mac-

Laurin, will decide on the ECB's general direction and policy, though decisions concerning the scheduling and regulations of county and international matches, and the allocation of Test matches and financial resources, will require the approval of the FCF. It is the FCF's scope for handling these decisions that

concerns some counties. Morgan, whose working party was created in Decem-ber 1995, hailed the decision yesterday as "an historic and major step forward in uniting the whole game of cricket in this country". The resolution will be passed to the National Cricket Association (NCA), which is responsible for the recreational sphere, for approval on October 16.

The TCCB and NCA have been constituent parts - along with MCC - of the Cricket Council, the game's national governing hody, since 1968. Like the TCCB, the NCA and the Council will also disap-

Without a published national development plan, crick-et had difficulties gaining the financial support of the Sports Council and the National Lottery. Such a plan is now in

TENNIS

LTA overlooks Lloyd as chief executive

BY ALLX RAMSAY

DAVID LLOYD has resigned from the International and Professional Tennis Board at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) after being overlooked in the search for the LTA's next chief executive. It means that Lloyd, the Great Britain Davis Cup captain, will no longer be able to vote on policy issues relating to national training, coaching events and

tournaments.

I just think it is hypocrytical to sit on the board with the new chief executive coming in," he said. I don't think anyone could have the same credentials for that job as me and they turned me down. In my current role, I have no influence in the game and no power and it's hard to give advice and opinions and have them turned down or ignored — I get really cheesed off with that."

Lloyd is not angry at being turned down for the top job, but he is still smarting from the way in which it was handled. He was called for a first interview by an independent agency and then told that he would not be asked back. He never got as far as presenting his case to the LTA and dealt with the agency. "Anywhere else, it would be

impossible," he said. "I'm already employed by the LTA. all they had to do was pick up a phone and say: Look David, we're not giving you the job because we think you would rock too many boats', but I just got a call from the head-hunter. If I drop someone from the Davis Cup team, I don't get my brother to tell them - I do it."

Lloyd will still report to the international board about the Davis Cup, but he is devoting all his energies to the business of getting Britain back into the world group of the competi-tion. At the moment, he is employed only for the dura-tion of the cup-ties, but next year he is aiming to travel to more tournaments to assess the opposition and the form of potential British team mem-bers. He is hoping that the LTA announces the name of the new chief executive sooner rather than later, allowing him to draw a veil over the politicking of recent months.

"It has made all of us even more determined to go out and win," he said. "There are no hard feelings. I think in the long run the loser is the game of tennis and I love tennis. I never intended to do anyone. any damage."

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RUGBY UNION: LLANELLI CENTRE EARNS CAPTAINCY AGAINST FRANCE AFTER HUMPHREYS WITHDRAWS

Vales ask Davies to prompt revival

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Jonathan Humphreys, their cap-tain, for the international match against France at the National Stadium in Cardiff tonight does not presage a chapter of accidents in this most heetic of seasons. Humphreys withdrew yesterday with a damaged hamstring and Barry Williams, of Neath, will win his first cap at hooker as a result.

The captaincy will go to Nigel Davies, the experienced Llanelli centre, who was selected ahead of the two former captains already in the team, Ieuan Evans and Gareth Llewellyn. "Nigel is totally in tune with the type of game we are trying to play and he has enormous experience of international rugby; he has a hands-on style," Terry

CARDIFF TEAMS

WALES: W T Proctor (Llanett) 1 C Evans (Exnett), L B Daves (Cardiff), N G Daves (Llanett), captain), G Thomas (Endgerd), N R Jeniums (Pontyprodd), R Howley (Cardiff), C D Loader (Swansea), B Williams (Necch), J D Davies (Health), K Jones (Ebbw Vale), G D Lewellyn (Hartequris), M J Voyle (Llanetti), M E Williams (Porryprodd), S M Williams (Noath)

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FRANCE: J-L Sadoumy (Colomers).
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S Glas (Bourgoin). P Saint-André
(Montierand, capitan). A Penaud (Brve).
P Carbonneau (Brve). C Califano (Toulouse).
M de Rougemont (Toulon). F Tournaire
(Narbonne). P Benetton (Agen). O Merle
(Montierranch, F Pelous (Cax). R Castel
(Bézers). A Benazzi (Agen).
Referee: G Gadjovich (Canada)

Cobner, the Welsh Rugby Union's director of rugby, said.

Even so, it is an interesting choice. No Welshman has led his country more frequently than Evans, the Lianelli wing who did so on 28 occasions between 1991-95, and, at 32, he is only a year older than Davies. Llewellyn has captained Wales seven times and it is worth speculating whether his employment with an English club. Harlequins, has counted against

Be that as it may, there is a direct link between this match - discounting the contrivance of an "international" against the Barbarians last month - and the last international success enjoyed by

WALES will hope that the loss of Wales, which came against France at the end of the five nations championship last season. Victory by 16-15 presented England with the championship.

Since then, France have toured Argentina successfully and Wales, somewhat less triumphantly, have visited Australia. Williams, 22, played understudy to Humphreys on that tour, having been called in as a replacement when Garin Jenkins suffered a neck injury, but the Australian experience proved a mixed blessing after defeats in Brisbane (50-25) and Sydney

(42-3).
"We recognised during the summer that we would have to increase the number of preparatory games we play." Cobner said. Hence a schedule that now embraces Italy, Australia and South Africa before

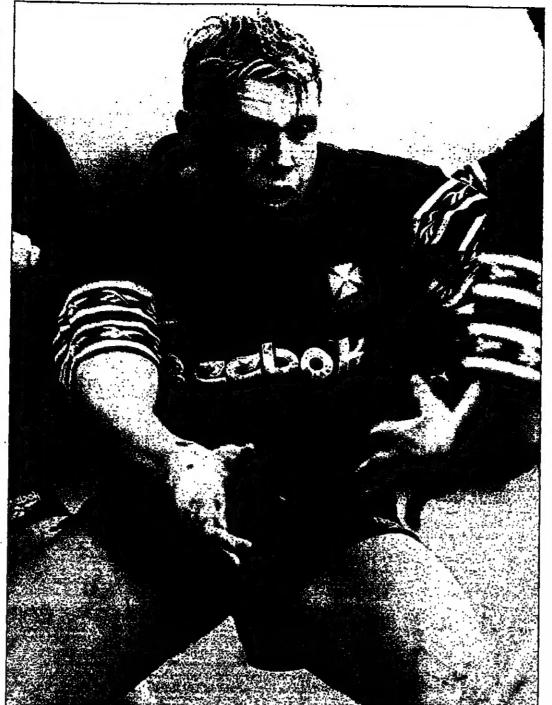
"The players realised in Austrulia they were making strides, but they also realised that there is a fair way to go," he said. "The Barbarians game was a good exercise - 1 think - but France at home. especially since we beat them here last time we played, will be a very difficult test. We know how they play, but this is about how we play, and we are certainly looking for

So is the Welsh public after the indifferent quality of the 31-10 victory against the Barbarians. The stadium is likely to be only half full.

The Welsh cause has not been

helped by the withdrawals of Humphreys, who had hoped to recover from an injury sustained in training on Monday night, and Hemi Taylor, the Cardiff flanker. whose absence gives Kingsley Jones his second cap. That France are taking the match seriously can be gauged by the quality of their team, whose members have been angered by their federation's decision not to award caps, as it did in 1991 before relenting.

France's most obvious absentees. both injured, are Thomas Castaignède, one of the revelations of last season, and Olivier Roumat, whose places at centre and lock, respectively, go to Stephane Glas



Williams, the Neath hooker, will win his first cap tonight after injuries forced Wales to make changes

SNOOKER: WELSHMAN PRODUCES STRONG FINISH TO REACH QUARTER-FINALS OF SCOTTISH MASTERS

Wild-card Williams breaks brittle Bond's resolve

MARK WILLIAMS, who regularly defies conventional wisdom when it comes to shot selection, justified his inclusion in the Regal Scottish Masters by reaching the quarter-finals of the £175,000 event in

Motherwell yesterday.
Williams, from Wales, one of the most aggressive potters in the professional game, scored a 5-2 victory over Nigel Bond after a match in which neither apnament of the new season, largely as a result of winning the Regal Welsh Open in January, did little of note in the early stages with the exception of a 43 break in the

second frame. Even so, Williams somehow held Bond to 2-2 and, in the second half, finished far stronger to secure a meeting with John Higgins, the No 2 seed, tomorrow evening. The

proached his best. Williams, pivotal frame was the fifth. Wil-awarded a wild-card invitation to liams led 40-l when he attempted potted the vital balls and that was compete in the first domestic tour-an ill-advised plant; Bond respond- the difference," Bond said, accued with a run of 46 and was on the threshold of leading 3-2 when he missed a difficult brown to a balk

> Williams nervelessly potted it from distance, obtained ideal position on the blue and cleared up to snatch the frame on the black. He added a disjointed sixth, and completed victory with a 72 break. the highest of the contest, launched

rately summing up an encounter which did nothing to repair the damage to his confidence inflicted by a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Tony Drago in the last 16 of the Asian

Classic two weeks ago. If self-belief is an irritation for Bond, it has developed into a crippling problem for Jimmy White, who takes on Ken Doherty in the first round tonight in the

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Indeed, there is precious little to suggest that White - now 23rd in the provisional world rankings will discover the lost spark of genius here. He has won only one match on his previous six visits to the event and, in Doherty, the Regal Masters champion in 1993 and 1994, he faces a settled and determined rival.

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

THE LOVE-SONG OF D HILL (with acknowledgements to T. S. Eliot)

Let us go then, you and me, When the sponsors are spread out after tea Like patients etherised upon their tables. Let us pass the place where Williams sits The tyre-strewn pits. The restless afternoons of murdering speed And wild ambition and impossible need. A race-track like tedious argument That leads to an overwhelming question. Oh. do not ask: "And you were first?"

In the press-room, journos come and go Talking of Clark and Fangio.

I have a deep and needful thirst.

And I shall wonder "Do I dare?" and "Do I dare?" Do I dare to overtake? Do I dare to drive My rival from the track and win,

Do I dare to live with the odium Of failing to stand once more upon the podium? i grow old, i grow old. I shall wear the bottoms of my fire-proof overalls rolled.

have seen my driving reputation flicker. I have heard the eternal interviewer ask the obvious, and snicker. In short, I was afraid

Oh I have known them, known the joys Of pole positions, the days when boys Run wild with union flags, and all for me. I have known the game, have known it all. I know the driver's face before his fail. I have talked a thousand times of what a dream inspires. I have measured out my life with racing tyres.

And would it have been worth it after all, Among the spanners, and the cups of tea, To have the mechanic turn and say to me, It was your doing, Damon, all your own. Your driving set the universe on end. Instead I've driven, spun and crashed And seen again my dream, ancestral, dashed.

No, I am not Ayrton Senna, nor was meant to be, Am a useful driver, one that will do To set the pace, bring out a car's Potential, advise the pit-crew, Drive the perfect testing lap, Careful, politic, professional. Full of good quotes but a bit obtuse, At times, indeed, almost ridiculous. At times, indeed, almost Out of the game, A wanderer With quasi-palindromic name

Shall I grow a cad's moustache Like Dad's? Do I dare to win the final race? Do I dare to show my face? I have seen the pit-lane sirens Singing of their demon lovers. And though I know one final victory covers All eventualities I do not think that they will sing to me.

You! Hypocrite spectateur! Mon semblable! Mon frere!

RUGBY LEAGUE

Joynt declares himself ready to face Papua New Guinea

CHRIS JOYNT, the St Helens forward, yesterday declared himselt fit for Great Britain's international match against Papua New Guinea in Lae on Saturday. Joynt was expected to miss the early games of the tour after having a minor knee operation at the end of the Super League season, but he

has felt no after-effects from

Britain's strenuous training

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Since Joynt will not play in the opening tour match. against a Papua New Guinea President's XIII in Mount Hagen today, he looks set to win his ninth cap on Saturday. "The knee is fine now and I am very pleased with the way it has recovered," Joynt said. Bernard Dwyer, the

By OUR SPORTS STAFF ward, who has been unable to train all week since suffering badly-blistered feet in a tough session in Singapore, hopes to begin training again tomorrow. Dwyer expects to be fit to play in the first game in Fiji,

next week. Brian McDermott, Dwyer's Bradford team-mate, and Terry O'Connor, of Wigan, both make their international debuts against the President's XIII, which is effectively the Papua New Guinea secondstring side.

The Great Britain management has been assured that there is no prospect of a repeat of the crowd violence at a domestic cup final in Lae last week, that forced the game to be abandoned after 60 min-Bradford Bulls utility for- utes, with three deaths resulting. The Papua New Guinea squad gathered yesterday in the forestry town of Bulolo, where Adrian Lam, the captain and outstanding half back, joined them from

Sydney.

Halifax Blue Sox are about to unveil plans to leave their Thrum Hall ground and move in with their neighbours, Halifax Town, of the Vauxhall Conference, at The Shay. The Blue Sox have called a

press conference at the Calderdale Sports Stadium today. They are believed to be ready to move after playing at Thrum Hall for more than a hundred years.

Theclubs have been in-volved in lengthy talks and they appear to have the backing of the local Calderdale Council, which owns The Shay. "The clubs have found a way forward and we have the support of the council," Nigel Wood, the Halifax chief executive, confirmed.

The Blue Sox were faced with the choice of either undertaking expensive rebuilding costs, to bring Thrum Hall into line with the Rugby Football League's Framing the Future requirements, or moving to a new stadium. Rugby league clubs in the Super League must have a 10,000 capacity, with 2,500 seats, within three years of the league's inception. The sale of Thrum Hall is

expected to raise the money needed to bring The Shay up to the standards required. ☐ Barrie-Jon Mather has paid his own transfer fee to get out of a legal row with Wigan, his former club. Mather, 23, paid £50,000 to settle the dispute between himself and the direciors at Central Park. Wigan had said that the three-year deal that he signed with Perth Western Reds was in breach of

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United put premium on youth policy

Nicky Butt, Paul Scholes, David Beckham and the Neville brothers is but the current manifestation of a youth policy that has long had the full backing of everyone at Old Trafford. Indeed, without such backing, in particular from manager Alex Ferguson, many of the club's best prospects would never have found their way into a red shirt. It was one of the factors that persuaded chairman Martin Edwards to stick with Ferguson after disappointing performances from the first

Time and again, parents of boys who have signed for Manchester United testify to the degree of warmth, enthusiasm and passion conveyed by Ferguson in what sometimes amounts to a personal crusade to entice prospects to Old Trafford.

"Manchester United are a massive club, but in terms of warmth and depth they were magnificent." These were the words of one father, former Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers player Steve Wicks, whose son was swayed away from north London to join up with United.

There was a warmth and a passion about Alex Ferguson I never knew existed. He was the major reason we decided to sign for United. He talked passionately about his youngsters, how they were the club's lifeblood, how he hoped to bring more into the first team. He spent time with us, sold the club to us, had dinner with Matthew, showed him around the ground. He is a man I would totally trust with my son's future.

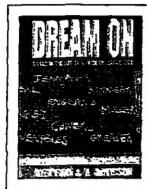
Old Trafford press officer Ken Ramsden confirms the club's enthusiasm: "Alex Ferguson is the manager who has come closest to |Sir Matt| Busby in the way he has set up the youth coaching. The manager will travel the length and breadth of the country to talk to a kid and his parents, rather than send someone else. It is important to him."

Almost inevitably, the success reaped by such a passionate approach will attract criticism that maybe more than just promises are being offered. Until such time as a player actually signs a professional contract with his club, the two-year Youth Training age of nine.

and join whichever other club may catch his fancy, providing

offered. This is why some clubs are keen to offer particularly attractive prospects a professional contract only halfway through their apprenticeship. to secure their services in the face of potential competition from other clubs, and provide them with more than menial YT subsistence, a £20,000 salary at the age of 17 being gratefully received.

In January 1996, United were twice found guilty of "poaching", one of the cases



Extracted from Dream On: a year in the life of a Premier League club. by Alex Fynn and H Davidson, published by Simon & Schuster Ltd on October 7 at £14.99.

involving Matthew Wicks. Indeed, it was the cordial relations at board level that saw Arsenal satisfied with a guilty verdict from the Football Association and the boy returned. United got off lightly. They were not so lucky with Oldham, when they were fined £20,000 and ordered to pay compensation. which may well amount to more than £100,000, for "illegally" secur-ing the services of 17-year-old David Brown.

The clubs know that tomorrow's generation of stars are already out there playing schools football, waiting to be discovered. More than ever the pressure is on for scouts to spot such prospects at an earlier age and begin the process whereby they feel an allegiance to one particular club, gradually being weaned away from the schools to the club's own centre of excellence

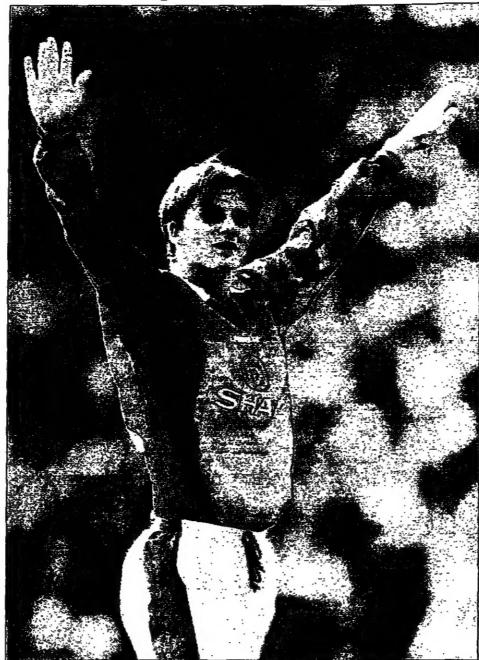
But although they can sign associate schoolboy forms at the age of 14, if the kid is any good, the English Schools Football Association will have first call on his services as it runs the first national side at under-15 level. The FA does not step in until the under-16 level, which has only recently been introduced.

The clubs are highly critical of the way in which talented young boys can be cajoled by the school system into playing too many matches. Clubs such as Tottenham try to use their centre of excellence to get the lad away from just playing competitive matches, concentrating instead on honing basic skills and techniques that may not be given time in the school environment

But even when netted, it is not always the case that a club will know what it has under its nose. Ryan Giggs trained reg-ularly at Manchester City's centre of excellence, and even after Alex Ferguson had been to the home of the 14-year-old prodigy to ask for his signature, City did not show sufficient interest, although Ryan's mother offered them first refusal out of loyalty.
With the stakes so high and

the clubs having access to kids at such a young age, the FA and the Premier League must move quickly to draft precise and effective ground rules. With the spectre, since the Bosman ruling, of the advent of free transfers within England, the small clubs may no longer feel it worth pursuing any form of youth development unless there are stricter policing and harsher penalties. Nominal fines are no deterrent when one illegal approach can net a player potentially worth millions. The sale by Tottenham of 21-year-old Nicky Barmby for E5.25 million is a graphic example of the value of one astute signing at schoolboy

When Tottenham's young-sters lost the FA Youth Cup final in May 1995, it was perhaps instructive that their opponents were Manchester United. For those Tottenham directors who may have taken the trouble to attend both legs (a 2-i home win but a 0-l and penalties defeat at Old Trafford), the ties will have exposed the chasm, not on the playing field, but in the atti-



Beckham celebrates an astonishing goal from the half-way line on the first day of the season, a feat confirming him as one of the most exciting of United's boy wonders

The first leg of the final took lace on a warm May evening at White Hart Lane. While Ferguson set the tone for Manchester United by standing on the West Stand forecourt to meet and greet the parents he had invited down as his guests, fewer than 4,000 fans struggled to gain admittance to a game where the cost of employing extra turnstile operators had obviously been vetoed by the bean-

With scant advance publici-

ty and only the West Stand open, the undignified crush to gain admission was a prelude to an evening that showed the London club in a very shabby light indeed. The club shop was closed, missing a great opportunity to benefit from the high percentage of families in attendance. Pre-match and at half-time, crowds milled about the concourses desperately searching in vain for somewhere serving a snack or a

There were no stewards on own story.

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view and no obvious sign of representatives from the club being on duty. There was no programme and the players had no names on their shirts, so nobody had a clue who they

were watching.
God only knows what impression had been created on parents who were trying to weigh up the merits of their son joining either of the two clubs. The 20,190 attendance for the return leg at Old Trafford told its

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RADIO CHOICE

Powered by memories

Calling to Mind. Radio 4, 8.30pm.

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"Ah yes, I remember it well!" So sang the nostalgic couple, memorably, in Gigi. The genuine pensioners in Cheryl Armitage's documentary do not remember it well without some skilful prompting. However, they respond so well to reminiscence therapy that they are able to put on a show based entirely on the unlocking, and exchanging, of old memories. As with the actors in a Mike Leigh film, they start with improvisation and finish up with a script. The aim of the reminiscence sessions, organised by the charity, Age Exchange, is to give the elderly a sense of the "wholeness" of life, Put simply, their todays are energised by their yesterdays. Their tomorrows should benefit, too. In any case, as one old dear says: "It's better than sitting in front of the telly."

Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

Birthday anniversaries, not always a valid reason for stringing together a selection of classical works, are nonetheless a good excuse for including celebrated recordings. One tonight features Glenn Gould, the brilliant Canadian pianist who, as time went on, behaved more and more eccentrically. The recording is of Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat Op 47, in which Gould was partnered by the Juilliard Quartet. Today would have been Gould's 64th birthday; he died in 1982. His disenchantment with the concert platform led to him giving up all live performances in 1964.

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Burnside about his life and
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RADIO 3 7,30 Gerhard Anniversary Concert. Stravinsky (Two Poems of Konstantin

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor. Bach (Partita No 2 in 0 minor, BWV 1004); Strauss (Oboe Concepts): Cassastellot, Stage at to

Concerto); Gestaldo (Sepulto Domino); Ravel (Suite: Mother Goose); Saint-Seëns (Symphony No 3 in C minor); 9.00 feorning Collection, with Paul Gembeccini. Liszt (From the Cradle to the Grave); Berg (Seven Faity Sonos); (Seven Early Songs): Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Locks

(Psyche: Act 3); Elgar (Sursum Corda); Walton (Anon in Love); Beethove (Sonata in C minor, Op 13): Dresser): Lilburn (Symphony No 2) 12.00 C cosers of the Week

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2.00 Midweek Cholce. With
Susan Sharpe. Includes
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Land of the Mountain and the
Flood): Nicolau (The Death of
a Novice); Jan Dussek
(Concerto in G minor)
4.00 Choral Evensorig. Live from
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5.00 The Music Machine, with

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5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy
Nicholas. Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C sharp, BWW 848);
Handel (Organ Concerto in F: The Cuckoo and the Nightingele);

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Southers Manor v Wigbedt; Faversham v
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form his recordings, including songs written by Schubert and Britten Might Waves. Novelist Teny McMillan has become an international star for her writtings on your page and conder writings on race and gender and her performances draw thousands. Humphrey Carpenter reports from

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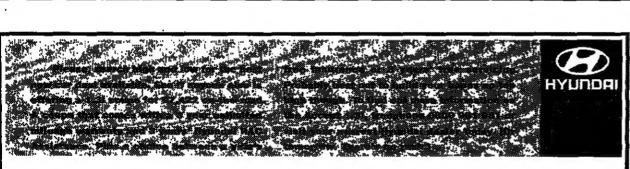
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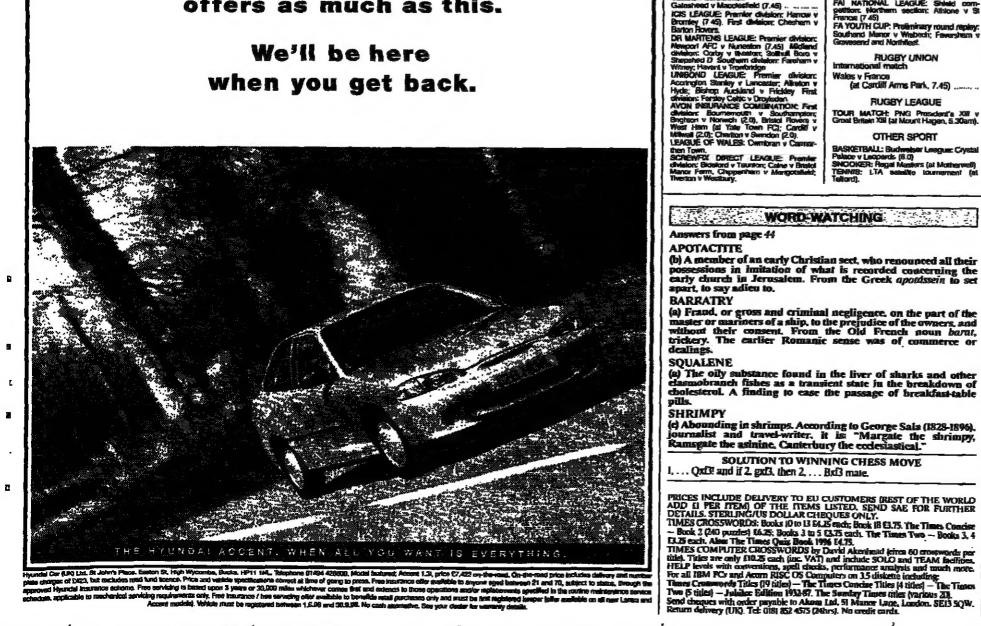
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Unmarried mothers, unthinkably wronged

ne of the distinguishing marks of various public figures who have fallen from grace in the past few years, from Tory politicians through American presidential advisers to Bishop Roddy Wright, is that they were all young men in the 1960s. the decade of sexual revolution. This may be coincidence, for people in positions of power at a

given time tend to be middle-aged. It may also be because the moral sea change which occurred in that decade, fed by technology (the birth pill) and social reformism (homosexual and abortion law reform) inevitably tended to have had as well as good consequences. Yet the impression that everybody who was young in the 1960s was on some kind of thrill-aminute rampage is simply wrong. There were plenty whom the upheaval passed by, or merely victimised, as an excellent documentary last night demonstrated.

will have surprised those who, unlike me, were either too old or too young to have been at the eye of the moral storm.

The programme was about three women, single then, who had children without being married. Whatever might have been happening in "swinging" Lundon, and however regrenable were some of the more extreme manifestations of liberation, these women were living through a horror story scripted in the Victorian age and directed by an unforgiving society.

None of the women was promiscuous. None intended to get pregnant. None took pregnancy lightly. None sought to have it terminated, which would have been illegal at the time. But all paid a price in shame and ostracism that should have been unacceptable, but was in fact quite the reverse.

All three women had gone to school at a time when a biology lesson was, literally, about birds and bees. Of human beings there was no mention. Birth cuntrol was hit and miss, the Pill not yet being widely available. One of the women, a Roman Catholic, used with her (steady) hoyfriend coitus interruptus, which she memorably described as being like going to London for the night and getting off at Watford".

One woman, a student nurse, was sacked as soon as the hospital learnt of her pregnancy. Another was taken for walks by her father in the dark so that neighbours would not see her condition. Six weeks before the birth, the women were sent to a mother and haby home, which was "one step up from the workhouse".

There, male doctors were ordered not to speak to the women: their instructions were passed on by a midwife. While at the home, the women went out to REVIEW



Peter Barnard

work in various offices. They wore wedding rings from Woolworths and called themselves Mrs. One said: "We spent the day pretending to be grown-up and came back to an environment where we were treated like children." There was no question of the women in the programme being allowed to keep their children (though some other women did).

A month after the birth, with the

worker would start looking for adoptive parents. There were various ocesses for the handing over of the child. One of the natural mothers was sent out for a walk. She was told: "The couple will take the baby if they like her," When this mother returned, "the cot was empty. I went home on the bus with my mum and it was never to be mentioned again."

There is still a degree of stigma attached to unmarried motherhood and there are undoubtedly some people whose coupling is at best careless and at worst wantonly exploitative. But if a measure of moral ambivalence is the price of overturning the attitudes which blighted the lives of the women in Love Child, then so be it.

Timewatch returned to BBC2 a couple of weeks ago and has been in top form ever since. Last night's Gold Rush Memories recalled the Klondike of 100 years ago, a momentous human adventure that began when three men turned up at ports on the West Coast of America bearing four tons of gold.

Tord spread like fire in a refinery. The Yukon Riv-er and its hinterland became the target for people from all over the world, including doctors, dentists and academics. Dawson City, previously of no account, acquired a population of 40,000 in a matter of weeks and was to become a suphisticated as well as a bawdy metropolis.

Among the gold-seekers was a 23-year-old from Bridgort in Dorset. Will White's letters home, to his parents and to Nellie, his fiancée, revealed a somewhat quaint erudition and helped to lift the programme well above the standard of such yarns. The men on the ship are a very bad lot," wrote White, brought up a Wesleyan, of his voyage, "and the ladies are

also a particularly poor lot." Like many thousands of others. White was not to make a fortune. He staked two claims but they produced very little and he ended up - having left the Post Office Savings Bank in England -working for the Canadian Bank of Commerce. It was eight years before he could afford to send for Nellie, who by that time had outgrown her first wedding dress and had to make another.

There has been nothing quite like the Klondike gold rush since. not even in the early days of oil exploration. The prospectors may be dismissed as fools, but they were glorious fools who worked like stink. Now we gather before a machine hoping for the right six numbers at 14 million to one. I doubt that will make much of a documentary in 20%.

■ Lynne Truss will appear

6.00am Business Breakfast (12651) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (43922) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (1059011) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1975477) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (29767) 11.00 News and weather (4264309)

11.05 Liberal Democratic Conference 96 (s). Includes News at midday (32385496) 1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (53309) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45917187) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (32285106) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (3850699) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1489477) 3.00 A Week

in the Country (s) (4449) 3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (8763651) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (s) (8750187) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (Ceelax) (s) (7277748)

4.35 The Demon Headmaster. Sci-li drama (Cealax) (s) (4493854)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7576670) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (2296729) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (326187) 6.00 News and weather (Ceetex) (545)

6.30 Regional news magazines (125) 7.00 Small Talk, Ronnie Corbett hosts the show in which grown-ups try to unravel the minds of nine children and discover

who knows best (Ceefax) (s) (2800) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Fea-turing a report on a possible breakthrough in the search for an instant simming pill (Ceefax) (s) (309)

8.00 Big Cat Diary. Concern is growing for Fundi the cheetah and her two cubs who are still missing. However, Half-Tail the feopard and her cub are seen almost daily playing by the gorge close to the heart of their territory. The flons are also posing problems for the team, as one of

(Ceelax) (s) (1748) 8.30 Next of Kin. Maggie and Andrew are doing their best to keep their grand-children occupied (r) (Ceetax) (s) (3583) 9.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (4293)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. The serenity of the allotment is interrupted by the arrival of a mystenous dark figure (r) (Ceefax) (s) (845922)

10.20 QED: Clockwork Radio Update, Last year QED told the story of the development by Trevor Baylis of a clockwork radio. Since then, Baylis has seen his invention being used in many developing countries and has won the BBC Designer of the Year Award. Last in the series (Ceelax) (s) (748632)

10.50 FILM: Earthquake (1974), Class disaster film which won an Oscar for its visual effects and sports a star-studded cast including Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner and George kennedy (s)

12.50em Fil.M: Sapphire (1959). A drama starring Nigel Patrick, Michael Craig and Yvonne Mitchell. Directed by Basil Dearden (9654369) 2.20 Weather (5037572)

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6.00 Star Trek; the Next Generation (r) (Ceetax) (s) (791854) 6.45 Conference Talk. Andrew Nell reports from Brighton (s) (806545)

7.30 Scene: Young Jung. Schoolgirls with problems turn to a 16-year-old classmate who decides to charge for her services (r) (Ceefax) (s) (651) WALES: Rugby Union - Wales v France (75545380)

8.00 Pinned Decisive Weapons: The Bell Huey — Vietnam Warhorse (Ceefax) (s) (2090)

second marriage, Fred resolves to make some concessions (Ceelex) (s) (1125). N.I: War Walks: Somme

9.00 Changing Rooms. Two neighbours each transform a room in the other's home (Ceefax) (s) (2835) WALES: 9.05 Grisce Under Fire (986545)



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9.30 Great Railway Journeys: The High Andes to Pata-gonta (Ceefax) (s) (86670) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (490816)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (352767) WALES: Decisive Weapons (579106)

11.40 Seinfeld (Ceelax) (s) (931458) WALES: 11.45 Changing Rooms (578477) 12.15am-12.30 Wear It Well (5118539) 12.05am Grace under Fire (1500881) 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

Tomorrow's World BBC1, 7.30pm

If we just waited long enough we knew that way to lose weight that did not involve boring hours pedalling away at a gym or depriving ourselves of delicious food. If researchers in Barcelona are right there is a naturally occurring substance in the human blood which regulates how much fat a body carries. Oleoyl-Estrone was given to obese mice causing a dramatic weight loss, equivalent to an 18-stone person losing three stones in two weeks, it has none of the side-effects of drugs or crash dieting because it causes the brain to think the body is bulkier than it really is, resulting in fat burning up to not because we ate too much. Call me an old pessimist, but it sounds too good to be true.

Decisive Weapons: Vietnam Warhorse BBC2, 8.00pm

That image of the swarms of Bell-Huey helicopters over the Vietnamese jungle in Apocalypse Now was no cinematic invention. And neither was the character of Kilgore, the Wagner-loving commander. He was based on Colonel John B. Stockton, a machospirited leader who got his pilots to wear stetsons and is one of the contributors to this story of the Bell-Huey helicopter. Originally used as an air ambulance in the Korean War, the Bell-Huey was designed and honed as a fighting machine. Its mobility, rapid-fire ability and quick deployment of men won the Americans the battles, but they still lost the war. The Bell-Huey again became a symbol of Vietnam for the Americans when they were shown being pitched over the sides of fleeing carriers. One for military strategists and boys who like to play with modelling

Great Railway Journeys: The High Andes to Patagonia

BBC2, 9.30p The wry and wiry veteran scriptwriter Buck Henry is our guide to the ups and downs of Argentina. Using the conceit of finding a story for a new script, Henry tries to ride down and across the country on the railways. He does not always manage it. Instead he gets to where he is going by road, bus, taxi, or when push comes to shove — on foot. He is a mellow companion, noting with gentle irony how much of the infrastructure of the country has "disappeared" along with the 30,000 people cleared by the Generals in the 1970s. He ears meat with the gauchos, tangos with the youth of Buenos Aires and has a high old time with Rega, an eccentric painter of trainer. painter of trains.

BBC2, 11.15pm

The beauty of this little nugget of a comedy is that it crosses the line between fiction and reality with the ease of a tightrupe walker. Garry Shandling plays the live late-night talk show host Larry Sanders whose set bears a remarkable resemblance to those of David Letterman and Jay Leno. With a president touch that must have been derived. precision touch that must have been derived from experience, the scriptwriters have created the atmosphere of paranoia and schmooze that goes on behind the scenes of a ratings-grabbing show. The characters of arch manipulator Artie and Hank, the sidekick with ambitions but no talent, are beautifully observed. Tonight. Hank's machinations to get himself a spot on morning television are the backstage storyline, while in front of the cameras, the guest is wildman Bobcat Goldwirth, a man noted for his ability to set the place on fire.

6.00am GMTV (9793699)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (9859812) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3468293)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (31699) 10.30 This Morning (42987458) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7841632)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2955767) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2930458) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (1306534) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (97546854) 2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (s) (97525361) 2.50 Vanessa

(Teletext) (s) (7652038) 3.20 News (Teletext) (7668038)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7667309) 3,30 Tots TV Classics (s) (6838941) 3,40 The Parkies (4073477) 3,50 Astro Farm (r) (Teletext) (s) (6816729) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s) (2630818) 4.15 Animaniacs (Teletext) (s) (7261187) 4.40 Retrace (Teletext)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (6722944) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (875038) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (315632)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (409545) 6.50 Sportsweek (589380) HTV WALES: The Really Helpful Programme

7.20 Champions League Live: Manchester United v Rapid Vienna. Live coverage from Old Trafford of Manchester United's second game in this season's European tournement against last year's Cup Winners' Cup finalists, Rapid Vienna (Teletext) (25618552)

9.30 Coronation Street. The Platts return with some unexpected news for All and Audrey (Teletext) (46922)



News with Julia Somerville (10.00pm)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (59335) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (615748) 10.40 West Match Plus. Highlights from the second-round second-leg matches in the Coca-Cola Cup (690729) HTV

WALES: Hunter 1.40 Champions League Highlights. A round-up of the evening's events in the Champions League featuring Manches-ter Utd v Rapid Vienna, Glasgow Rangers v Auxerre, Fenerbahce v Juventus and AC Milan v Gothenburg (555632)

12.45 God's Gift (896404) 1.45 cyber.cafe (43046) 2.15 Dear Nick (817997)

3.15 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (88059107) 3.40 Nationwide Footbell League Extra (r) 4.20 ITV Sport Mini Classics (69124152)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (65249) 5.00 Three's a Crowd (r) (s) (33152) 5.30 ITN Morning News (28133)

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm Wales Tonight (409545)

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2.25 Vanessa (97549941) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1494309) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6722944) 6.00 Westcountry Live (779632) 6.50-7.20 Wheel of Fortune (589380)

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2.05 FiLM: Millions Like Us (1943, b/w) starring Patricia Roc, Gordon Jackson, Moore Marriott and Eric Portman. Vintage family who are separated by the events of the Second World War. Directed by Frank

Launder and Sidney Gilliat (552729) 4.00 Fifteen to One (106) 4.30 Countdown (390) 5.00 Ricki Lake (2624651) 5.45 Travelog Treks: Chile (149125)

6.00 Party of Five (Teletext) (s) (777274) 6.50 Fresh Pop. Skunk Anansie introduce

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (9090) 8.00 Brookside. Can things get worse for Sammy in court? Can Sinbad imagine the wrath of two women? And has Susannah hired the cleaner from hell? (4458)

8.30 Moving People. John Peel introduces another three housemovers who agreed to video their expenences (3/8) (6293)



Wise-cracking Ellen (9.00cm)

9.00 Ellen: Ellen's Choice. A chance to appear on a local television show discussing books sounds ideal (7903) 9.30 The Lovers. Beryl hates football Her hates tootball too. With Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale (44564)

10.00 American Gothic. Lucas and Caleb form a bond when Caleb is electrocuted and dies, only to be brought back to life by his arch-enemy (8361) 11.00 The Naked Truth (9748)

11.30 Fascism: The Return. A study of the rise of contemporary Fascism throughout Europe (1/3) (299584)

12.35 FILM: Somebody Up There Likes Me (1956). Oscar-winning biopic with Paul Newman. The life of boxing champion (63351220)

2.40 FILM: Riders of Destiny (b/w, 1933) with John Wayne. A classic short from John Wayne's early days sees him playing an undercover agent and singing cowboy who helps farmers being robbed of their much-needed water. Directed by George North Bradbury (7805161) Ends at 3.35am

4.00-4.25 Schools: IT in English (80899355)

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.60em Undur (96038) 8.00 Press Your Luck (7720038) 9.20 Jeoperdyl (8446729) 9.45 The Oprah Wintrey Show (1756699) 10.40 Real TV (6226030) 11.10 Selly Jossy Ruphael (9005854) 12.06 Geraldo (96941) 1.00pm 1 to 3 (63212) 3.00 Jenny Jones 1.00pm i to 3 (63212) 9.00 Jenny Jones (62800) 4.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (98835) 5.00 Charitum Leap (7187) 6.00 The New Adventures of Superman (92153) 7.00 LAPD(8816) 7.30 M*A-S*H (7670) 8.00 Dreamiand (19816) 9.00 The Ouar Limits (22390) 10.00 Charitum Leap (22767) 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (76274) 12.00 Midnight Caller (75152) 1.00em LAPD (50442) 1.30 Real TV (67270) 2.00 Htt Met Long Plaz (784273) (67220) 2.00 Hil Mix Long Play (39423)

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SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Beach Volleyball (77/81854) 1.00pm Cacs-Cola Cup Football Flound 2, Leg 2 (76646318) 9.00 ASP Surfing (52292816) 4,00 Footbalt: Borussia Moenchen-gladbach v Arsonal (24229477) 6.30 Futbol Mundel (16631019) 7.00 Sky Sports Centre (66074554) 7.30 NFL (28213274) 10.00 Des Sterr of the Schleim Cun (90702128)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Christian Entertairm 5,00 Voice of Victory 5,30 Christian Music TV 5,45 Hd Song 6,15 This Is Your Day 8,45-7,00 Good Morning Europe SKY SOAP 7,00am Gurding Light (6818477) 7.55 As the World Turns (8322583) 8.50 Payton Place (6028767) 9.20 Days of Our Lives

SKY TRAVEL 11,00em Boomerang (6503564) 11,30 Dive the World (6504293) 12,00 Caldoma's Gold (2618380) 12,30pm Bruce & Bob Eal America (7954632) 1,00 Gotsway (400658) 1,30 Round Inp (7953903) 2,00 Cast or Reported (4270748) 2,30 Timester

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UK GOLD

7,00am Lassie (4538583) 7.30 Give Lis A Clas (4517090) 8.00 Neighbours (2583309) 8.25 EastEndors (2764564) 9.00 The Bit (4511864) 9.30 The Sulvians (5425105) 10.00 Bg Deaf (4513274) 11.00 Bulseye (4598900) 11.30 Sale of the Century (4679729) 12.00 Tellysack (4591090) 12.30em Metalbours (4699020) (4697729) 12.00 Tellystack (459109) 12.30pm Neighbours (5420922) 1.00 East-Enders (8049835) 1.35 Aosie (9008293) 2.25 Up the Eliphent and Round the Castle (29068009) 2.55 Get Some Int (3777477) 3.30 The Bill (2484899) 4.00 Juber Bravo (4685360) 5.00 Bulkeye (4215187) 5.30 Goorge and Mikined (2476670) 6.00 Tellystack (2473583) 6.30 EastEnders (3706496) 7.05 Aen Dodd's World of LeastEnders (1176729) 8.00 Files Beautiful (1176729) 8.00 Files Some Laughter (1176729) 8.00 Fills: Perry

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DISCOVERY

4,00pm The Treasure of San Diego (4683922) 5.00 Time Travellers (4213729) 5.30 Jurassica (2474212) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (5436583) 7.00 Wid Trings The

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12.00 Fantasy Island (5434125) 1.00pm Remington Steele (5410545) 2.00 The New Averagers (2841477) 3.00 Land of the Gamts (4651941) 4.00 FILME Vendette for the Saint (4232654) 6.00 Thunderbirds (5430309) 7.00 Monkey (5546380) 8.00 Randal and Hopkirt (Decessed) (5459800) 8.00 Starsky and Hutch (5542564) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Porky's Revenge (4690212) PARAMOUNT 7.00pm Family Ties (2729) 7.30 Entertainment (5800) 8.00 Wings (1477) 8.30 Lavome & Shirley (3212) 9.00 Soap (38477) 9.30 Tip. (70038) 10.00 Entertainment (28532) 10.30 The a List (32380) 11.00

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Three sent off as Scots are reduced to Uefa Cup disarray in Germany

Nine-man Celtic dismissed

(Hamburg win 4-0 on agg)

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN HAMBURG

ON A night when Celtic hoped that the means of recovery in this Uefa Cup first-round tie might lie in the passion of their performance, they found the occasion marked only by irascibility. Celtic had two central defenders, Malky Mackay and John Hughes, sent off before the interval, yet the Scots felt that they, too, had been victims.
Their forward. Jorge

Cadete, had to be taken off on a stretcher after Stephane Henchoz's challenge from behind in the twelfth minute. Celtic will grumble, 100, that the injured player involved in each of their dismissals, Kmetsch, had little difficulty in returning to the action.

Whatever the quibbles, however, Tommy Burns's team also displayed a ruinous naively. The fouls that brought Mackay and Hughes their second bookings were committed when there was no immediate danger.

Each man, conscious of having already been booked, ought to have been practising self-restraint. It may be symptomatic that while Hamburg also had a man dismissed when Schupp committed his second bookable offence by kicking Wieghorst, the lapse came in the fist minute, when

the game was effectively over.
With Celtic's second departure — Hughes being dismissed four minutes from the interval — it became impossible to accept the property of his ble to assess the qualities of his team's performance. Enough evidence was available by then, though, to demonstrate the shortcomings of this side. Celtic may have persuaded themselves that they pos-sessed a squad capable of play as cosmopolitan as the nationes it contains assertion has been proved

Hamburg's Volksparkstadion, Celtic could not break out of a syndrome whose origins lie in an era when the side was composed only of Scots. After six visits over 20 years, the 2-0 defeat in the first leg in



Cadete, right, the Celtic striker, gets in a shot despite the close attentions of Friis-Hansen during a stormy match in Hamburg last night

club has still to record a goal on German soil.

A glance at Burns's selection redressing that statistic was a priority. Van Hooiidonk, the leading goalscorer last season, had to content himself with a place on the bench until Cadete's injury, although the decision was not as perverse as it might have appeared. A

of the lack of stability in the

that he would have a side of greater substance here. There is no foolproof strategy for overhauling a two-goal deficit on the opposition's ground, but Celtic had believed that they might eventually prosper if they could only stand their eround.

The greatest events in the initial exchanges were of a tactical nature. Celtic had been operating with a single attacker, Cadete, but once the Portugal international was injured, adjustments had to be

Glasgow had resulted because mobile enough to operate alone and Di Canio had to be

A match seemingly lacking direction, though, had actually taken its bearings from an incident in the fifth minute, when the inexperienced Mackay was booked for fouling Schopp. Eighteen minutes later, the centre half forced Kmetsch to the ground and

was shown the red card. Hamburg, who are having poor season in the Bundesliga, nevertheless knew how to exploit their advantage. After 23 minutes. Schupp exchanged passes

made. Van Hooijdonk is not with Sport before - as Celtic vainly appealed for off-side finding Baron, who fired past

> Hughes collected his first booking in the 37th minute. after fouling Breitenreiter, and three minutes later Celtic might have equalised when Di Canio sent a curling shot against the post. Within a minute, Hughes had departed, after Kmetsch went down when challenged, and Celtic were left to engage the referee

in futile argument. Five minutes into the second half, Sporl flighted a pass over Celtic's defence for Breitenreiter to score. By then, mattered much and Burns. who argued with the referee at instead the six dismissals his side have suffered in an occasionally irresponsible season.

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European challenge back on course

By NICHOLAS HARLING

LONDON TOWERS with-stood the frenzy of 13,000 basketball supporters in Geor-gia yesterday to record their first win in the European Cup yesterday. They recovered impressively from a dismal defeat in Verona last week to beat Vita Tbilisi 87-78 and enhance their chances of progressing from the group stage of the tournament.

Towers, the Budweiser League champions, who begin their home programme with a tie against the Turks from PTT Ankara at Wembley next Wednesday, conceded the first three baskets, but, once Danny Lewis, their lively American playmaker, was into his stride, things improved. He had collected 17 points by halftime - when the Towers held the narrowest of leads, 45-44 - and he finished as the game's top marksman with 29 points, two more than Sanadze managed for Vita.

Alan Cunningham, a scoring threat throughout, and Joe Hooks collected 14 rebounds between them to keep the Towers on top, even after their exhausting 16-hour journey, which had begun on Monday morning with a 5.30am start.

Towers had the resources to employ the physically-demanding pressing game that has served them so well in the league so far this season. Helped by several fast breaks. they scored 12 successive points early in the second half to stretch their advantage to 15 points. Their surge was aided by three successive threepointers from Paul Deppish. their long-range specialist, who recovered well from his meagre tally of only one from ten attempts in Italy last week.

It was only in the later stages that Vita rallied. They closed the gap to two points is and Hooks made the game safe in the closing half-minute.

Towers, who have won all three league games so far, resume their domestic programme at Wembley on Sunday, when they receive Hemel and Watford Royals, one of three clubs still without a win. Tony Windless, the American forward who is ineligible for European competition, according to the regulations of the International Basketball Federation, will be able to return for that game.

Towers put | Lewis given title chance after Tyson hands over his crown

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE TYSON has given up the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title. After Don king, the promoter, that failed to negotiate a deal with Assess Legis for a world with Lennox Lewis for a world title bout with Tyson in June. the WBC was notified by Tyson's camp on Monday that the champion had given up

the title. Panos Eliades, Lewis's prinicipal negotiator, was notified about Tyson's decision by Jose Suleiman, the president of the WBC, yesterday, Eliades said: "I tried my best to make the fight with Tyson. We were negotiating up to ten days ago. King even came back with a desperate attempt to save the belt for Tyson by offering to go to purse bids for the Lennox-Tyson fight in June. Since that was what we had always wanted, I was happy to go along with that and awaited a fax confirming this offer from King, but it never came. Time ran out and we had to get on with the purse bids for Lennox's fight with (Oliver) McCall for the

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vacant title." Tyson was obliged by the WBC rules to put his mandatory defence against Lewis up for purse bids, but as Showtime, the television company that has Tyson under contract, refused to put the bout up for auction, there was no way out for him.

The vacant title will now be contested by Lewis, the No I contender, and McCall, the No 2 The bids will be opened

Apart from the two main interested parties, King and Panix, Lewis' promoters, two other bidders, Frank Warren, an associate of King's, and Main Events, Lewis's American promoters, will also be

putting in bids.
If King wins, McCall will be part of a show to be staged in Las Vegas on November 9 featuring Tyson against Evander Holyfield, for the World Boxing Association belt; Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation champion, against Frans Botha, of South Africa, and Henry Akinwande, of Great Britain, against Alexander Zolkin, of Russia. If Panix wins the right to stage the bout, the contest will most likely be held at the London Arena in November.

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Collapse of TV deal puts cup in doubt

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE withdrawal of ITV yesterday from an agreement to broadcast rugby union's Heineken Cup has left the sport's fledgeling European club tournament in disarray. despite an assurance from the organising company that both first and second-tier competi-

tions would go ahead.

If Heineken, the sponsoring company during the competi-tion's inaugural 1995-96 season, follow suit — and Whitbread, the parent company, is now considering its position — the financial structure underpinning the tournament and worth more than £6 million this season would collapse almost completely. ITV's decision comes after

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weeks of wrangling. The company's initial involvement was based on the entry this season of English and Scottish sides, but the game's complex political position has created uncertainty over the extent of English club involvement in the longer term; even now they have given only a verbal assurance that they will take part in the competitions this

The activities of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) were roundly condemned by Tom Kiernan, chairman of the European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC). Kiernan said that actions which formented unrest were unwelcome, divisive and an affront to the common purpose of the five nations." An Epruc spokesman responded by saying that ITV's decision was "disastrous" for European rugby: "It illustrates that we can't leave these guys to look after our affairs," he added. The clubs now fear that, if the tournament collapses completely, there could be a month-long void in their

season. The Heineken Cup, involving top sides from the four home unions. France and Italy, is due to start on October 12 with a second-tier tournament, the European Conference, played at the same time. Semi-finals are due on Nov-ember 16 and the finals on January 4 but the scheduling of the tournament, as well as the limited facilities for television at so many clubs, created problems for ITV: they included clashes with mid-week football and unfavourable weekend kick-

"Over the past few weeks we have been discussing terms under which ITV could take up its option for future cover age of the European Rugby Cup," an ITV statement said. "Unfortunately, and despite goodwill on both sides, we were unable to reach a mutually-acceptable agreement."

ERC still have agreements with FR2 in France and Tele Piu in Italy but if they are to keep their sponsors, they desperately need terrestrial coverage, possibly from BBC's regional companies. "We are considering our position and are in discussions with ERC," Jeremy Wilton, Whitbread's

head of sponsorship, said. "I hope the clubs will see past the money and acknowledge the structure of the competition, and the impact and benefits it will bring to rugby - clubs, spectators,

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Date's retirement serves up surprise

By Our Sports Staff

WOMEN'S tennis has produced its share of burnt-out teenage prodigies, promising young careers snuffed out by the punishing physical and emotional demands of the professional circuit. Yesterday, it learnt of the retirement of one of its leading players, apparently at the height of her

Kimiko Date, the world No 7 from Japan, announced that she would retire at the end of the season. So far as she is concerned, Date, who will be 26 on Saturday, is quitting



Date: sense of fulfilment

at the top. "I came to think that now is the limit of my strength," she told a news conference in Tokyo yesterday. Date said she first began

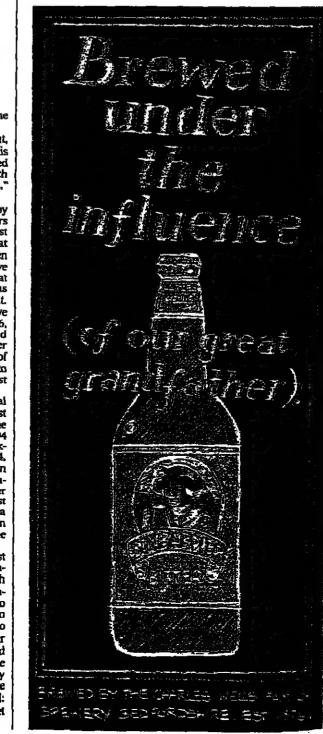
thinking about retiring in June, when the Women's Tennis Association announced it would introduce a new, stricter ranking system from next year. She finally made up her mind just before the start of the women's tournament in Tokyo last week in which she lost a tough three-set semifinal against Monica Seles, the joint world No I.

"I felt a sense of fulfilment, particularly last year and this year, because I think I played evenly-balanced matches with the top players in the world," she said.

Date will be remembered by many British tennis followers for her performance against Steffi Graf in the semi-final at Wimbledon this year when she reeled off six successive games to level the match at one set each before play was halted because of bad light. Graf regained the initiative the next day to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. Earlier in the year she had engineered an upset win over Graf in the quarter-finals of the Fed Cup, leading Japan to the semi-finals for the first

After turning professional in 1989, Date became the first Japanese player to reach the world top 10 in January 1994 and achieved the highest ranking of her career, world No 4. at the end of last year. She won her first professional tourna-ment in 1992 and claimed her seventh tour victory last month when she beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, of Spain, in the Toshiba tournament in the United States.

Date will play her last match at the WTA championship in New York next month and said she had no reservations about her decision to leave the sport. "I have no regrets ... I was able to achieve things which I never dreamed of when I started playing tennis." Although she has been linked romantically with a popular actor by the Japanese media, she quipped: "I'm not retiring to get married.



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